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OUTLINES.

President Roosevelt in a speech yesterday made reference to the recent accusations of certain persons in regard to the Panama canal property and after again declaring that they are guilty of infamous falsehood said he will try to reach them for criminal libel——President Castro, of Venezuela, arrived in France yesterday and was questioned regarding the relations between his country and Holland——Resulting from the recent riot in Kansas City, caused by religious fanatics, two more of those wounded in the fight died yesterday ——Several conferences were held between Senators and Representatives yesterday in Washington relative to the President's message and his recommendations concerning the secret service——The Union Tobacco Society, representing assets of $30,000,000, was organized at Louisville, Ky.—— There was little public transaction in either House of Congress yesterday——The Wake county coroner abandons the Smith murder case and leaves the matter in the hands of the city police——The Taft family will arrive in Augusta next week. At their special request there will be no public functions, the family being given perfect rest——The Navy Department reports adversely on the application for pardon made by the daughter of the late Senator Gorman for her husband, sentenced to imprisonment for desertion——In the Government's powder trust suit an agreement among all the companies to divide the territory is shown——Davis, charged with the murder of Dr. Rustin, in Omaha, has been acquitted by the jury——The extra session of Congress is expected to extend far into the summer——Our battleship fleet is expected to arrive at Colombo, Ceylon, on the 14th——New York markets: Money on call easy at 2 to 2 1-2 per cent., ruling rate 2 1-2, closing bid 2, offered at 2 1-2. Flour quiet and barely steady. Wheat barely steady, No. 2 red 1.08 3-4 to 1.10 1-4 elevator. Corn easy, No. 2, 67 1-2 elevator. Rosin steady. Tuurpentine quiet. Cotton quiet, 10 points lower, middling uplands 9.15, middling gulf 9.40.

It looks like the New York World is trying its best to break into Roosevelt's Ananias Club.

Now we suppose Carnegie will have to let the country know what he knows about the iniquities of the present tariff system.

The impression seems to be that whatever the amount of the cotton crop it will be met by adequate demand for the staple.

The British Ambassador, Mr. Bryce, seems to know more about the real conditions at the South than do a great many people who live on this side of the Atlantic.

We can't see the use now in making prohibition an issue in any town election in this State, as is proposed in Asheville for the city election next Spring.

The Durham Herald thinks that if they keep on voting liquor out of Virginia towns some folks who helped vote it out of this State will be sorry that they did so.

Castro talks about surprising the European Governments. He will surely surprise them if he settles their claims against his country. Such would be a most agreeable surprise.

Taft will try to please the South, but if he expects any course he may pursue to be pleasing to all the different classes of Southern Democracy he is going to be most woefully disappointed.

Why has the News and Observer got it in for those North Carolinians who gave a little supper in New York the other night? The list of speakers for the occasion did not seem to please it.

The News and Observer is anxious to know whether Editor Clarence Poe took a North Carolina hook worm to Washington City. We hope Mr. Poe will enlighten his readers on this subject later on.

If Taft as President wants to be friendly with the South what can our section lose by meeting him half way? Our people can do this without making any compromise of their political principles or losing their self-respect.

The News and Observer ought to give its readers the names of those "new-born Southerners in New York who essay to break the Solid South and have no objection eating with Booker Washington." Name the men Mr. Editor so the people of the South may know them.

That was a representative body of men which composed the Rivers and Harbors Congress. They represented the business and progressive interests of the whole country and we believe they will have weight in securing appropriations for improvement of our rivers and harbors.

AFFAIRS OF COUNTY

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Sanitary Board and Auditing Committee of Commissioners Both in Session Yesterday

SLAUGHTER PEN COMPLAINT

All Physicians of County Called to Meet Next Monday—Usual Monthly Financial Reports Received. Contract for Convicts.

The Board of County Commissioners yesterday afternoon held a double session, first with the professional members of the body as the County Sanitary Board, and later as the Auditing Committee. At the meeting of the Sanitary Board, the complaint of residents as to a slaughter pen maintained on the Castle Haynes road, just beyond Smith's Creek bridge, was considered and the Auditing Committee transacted the usual monthly business and passed upon a number of matters left over from the annual meeting on Monday.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board there were present Dr. W. D MacMillan, county superintendent of health; Drs. R. H. Bellamy, E. J. Wood and all members of the Board of County Commissioners. The complaint of citizens as to the slaughter pen was presented by Dr. McMillan, who read the signed protest against conditions as presented to the regular meeting of the Board on Monday. Dr. MacMillan stated that he had visited the slaughter pen and explained the conditions fully. Other physicians on the Board discussed the human susceptibility to disease from the conditions as described by Dr. MacMillan and it was seen at once that the emergency was one requiring prompt and effective measures.

Upon motion of Dr. Wood seconded by Commissioner Vollers, the clerk was directed to issue at once a call for a meeting of the County Board of Health to be held on Monday, at which time some action will be taken. A committee composed of Dr. Bellamy, Dr. Wood and Commissioner McEachern was appointed to investigate conditions more fully and to report to the meeting on Monday. The County Board of Health is composed of every physician in the county and the clerk is now to notify all members of the profession to be present at that time, not only for the purpose of considering the Smith's Creek complaint but to give attention to other matters properly under their jurisdiction.

The Auditing Committee.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Sanitary Board the Auditing Committee met and took up the usual bills for current expenses. The contract for feeding and caring for the county convicts was awarded to Mr. W. H. Shearin, the present contractor, who has given eminent satisfaction, a resolution to that effect having been adopted. The only other bidder was Mr. J. M. Woolard, who proposed to take the contract for 24c per day, but specified vegetables and beef as a part of the bill of fare only once a week, whereas the requirements are every day and included in the bid of Mr. Shearin at 25c per day.

The annual report of the chairman of the Board giving the receipts and expenditures of the county in detail for the fiscal year ended Dec. 1st, was approved and ordered published for the information of the public.

The monthly report of the Treasurer showing receipts and disbursements of the public funds for November was approved as follows:

Receipts—General Fund, $9,520.69; Special County Fund, $229.63; Road Fund, $540.26; Road Sinking Fund, $7,867.80; transfer from General to Road Fund, $5,000; property tax, $7,882.81; marriage license, $30.40; cash from County Home, $7; jury tax, $24.00.

Disbursements—Transfer, $5,000; public buildings, $445.72; Superior Court, $72.60; jail, $129.65; Hospital, $600; United Charities, $94.25; outdoor poor, $325.87; roads and bridges, $292.63; County Home, $315.76; stationery and advertising, $11.50; election, $342.09; magistrates, $62.93; miscellaneous account, $68.40; Commissioners, $114; Register of Deeds, $16.20; Superintendent of Health, $100; Constable, $15.15; Clerk, $60; janitor, $50; treasurer's commissions, $138.25; New Hanover roads, $2,991.92. Total, $11,246.92.

The balance to December account is $19,855.67 to the several funds as follows: General County Fund, $9,209.90; Special County Fund, $229.63; Road Fund, $2,548.34; Road Sinking Fund, $7,867.80.

Special Music at Schutt's.

For the delight and entertainment of hundreds of patrons of the fountain and ice cream department of Schutt's pharmacy at Second and Princess streets, which is growing in great popularity, the Brooklyn, N. Y., Italian Band, a splendid organization of eight pieces, has been secured to play at the store each afternoon and evening this week. The hours are from 4:30 to 6 and 8:30 to 11 P. M. and the engagement promises to be one of extraordinary pleasure and profit for all who attend

READERS

For toys and dolls go to Rehder's. •

JUDGE LYON SIGNS ORDER

Defendant in Rockingham Power Company Case, Restrained in Part Upon Complaint of Local Stockholders.

Judge C. C. Lyon, of the Superior Court, yesterday signed an order in the case of R. M. Sheppard against the Rockingham Power Company, Sidney Z. Mitchell, Robert L. Warner and the Knickerbocker Trust Co., which was recently heard in chambers, restraining and enjoining the defendants from using or exercising any power or control over the common stock of the company and from voting the same in any meeting whatsoever or from putting into effect the plan of reorganization mentioned in the complaint, continuing the order to a final hearing.

The case is one in which the plaintiff is one of the local stockholders of the Rockingham Power Company brought suit to dissolve the voting trust under which the common stock is held and which the plaintiff alleges was being or about to be voted to the detriment of the stockholders. While all that was petitioned for in the complaint was not allowed, the order is considered a victory in part for the local stockholders in their fight with the Northern interests for control of the company. The order in full as signed yesterday is as follows:

North Carolina, New Hanover County —In the Superior Court. R. M. Sheppard vs. The Rockingham Power Co., Sidney Z. Mitchell, Robert L. Warner and Knickerbocker Trust Co.

"This matter coming on for hearing before me this, the fifth day of December, A. D., 1908, at chambers in Wilmington, N. C., and having been heard upon the complaint, answers affidavits and exhibits filed. It is ordered adjudged and considered that the defenants, their officers, agents and employes and each and all of them be restrained and enjoined from using or exercising any power or control over the common stock of the defendants, the Rockingham Power Company, and from voting the same in any meeting whatsoever. And it is further ordered and adjuudged that said defendants, their agents, officers and employes be enjoined and restrained from carrying out or putting into effect the plan of reorganization of the said Rockingham Power Company mentioned in the complaint. This order is hereby continued to the final hearing of this action. C. C. LYON, "Judge holding the courts of the 5th District."

From this judgment, the defendant, the Rockingham Power Co., excepts and appeals to the Superior Court. Notice of appeal waived. Appeal bond fixed at $100, 30 days allowed defendant to serve statement of case on appeal and 30 days thereafter to serve counter-statement.

AUTOMOBILE WRECKED.

Skidded Into Telegraph Pole at Fifth and Dock Yesterday Morning.

An automobile belonging to Mr. Oscar H. Wright and in which he and two friends were returning from an oyster roast on Wrightsville Sound was wrecked at an early hour yesterday morning at Fifth and Dock streets, the machine having skidded on the hard macadam surface and dashed over the street curbing into a pole carrying the city fire alarm wires, snapping the pole at the ground as if it had been a pipe-stem. Mr. Wright and a traveling man with whom he has business relations as a merchandise broker, were thrown out but not injured. Terry A. Lyon, Esq., a leading young attorney of Bladen county and who had left the hotel as a guest of Mr. Wright for the trip, was thrown forward when the impact came and was severely lacerated about the face by the breaking of the glass wind shield in front, but otherwise he was unhurt, his injuries having been dressed at the hospital after which he came to his hotel.

A member of the party stated yesterday that soon after leaving the Sound earlier in the night, the steering gear of the car became disarranged, causing much delay in reaching the city, and while the party was driving down Dock street to the hotel where Mr. Lyon and the traveling man were guests, the machine suddenly sheered to one side, seemed to be entirely irresponsive to the wheel and dashed into the obstacle before members of the party realized that an accident was upon them. The pole having been broken and the alarm circuit having been opened, there was a clang of the fire bell and Superintendent Yates and his assistant, Mr. Twitty, went out to find the trouble and were of assistance to the auto party in recovering themselves. The machine was sent yesterday to the garage of Messrs. F. W. Dock & Co., for repairs, the front axle having been broken and the front having been badly bent and battered up.

To Tobacco Growers.

Congressman H. L. Godwin announces to all interested in the cultivation of tobacco that he has on hand a limited supply of seed furnished by the Agricultural Department at Washington and any persons wishing varieties of seed suitable for trial in any section of his district may apply to him and their wants will be supplied. He would like to have the names and addresses at an early date.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Second Day's Session of North Carolina Conference Without Special Interest.

LAYMEN HOLD MEETING

Bishop Wilson Addresses Epworth Leaguers—Secretary of Mission Board Speaks—Other Proceedings of Body Yesterday.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Durham, N. C., Dec. 10.—The second day of the North Carolina Methodist conference was without special incident. A great deal of work was done, but there was nothing of special nature or very interesting except to individuals. The attendance was considerably larger than yesterday and the roll call showed that many had reached here during the night.

The adjournment took place this afternoon until tomorrow morning. There was an anniversary exercise of the Epworth League tonight, at which time Bishop Wilson spoke to a large congregation. There was special music and the occasion was a most pleasant one.

Last night the annual sermon was preached by Dr. W. H. Moore and tomorrow morning there will be memorial exercises held in memory of the late Charles R. Taylor. During the call of Question 20 today Rev. Mr. Davis, of the Anti-Saloon League, made a report as to the progress of that work in the State. He was given very close attention and while confident that the enemy is now being defeated, he feels that there is much work ahead.

Today opened bright and clear, with just enough of the crisp Autumn air to make it bracing. Devotional exercises were held by Dr. J E. Underwood, presiding elder. After the devotional exercises came the roll call and immediately after the call was completed it was decided on motion that in the future there would be no daily roll calls. The minutes of yesterday's meeting were read and approved. Call was then made for the names of alternates to take the place of regular delegates and several names were added to the roll.

On motion of Dr. L. L. Nash a message of fraternal greetings was sent to the Baptist State Convention now in session at Wilson. The introducer of the motion was told to prepare it and when prepared it was forwarded by wire.

It was reported that C. P. Snow had lost his credentials by fire and that he wanted a new credential, and it was requested for W. H. L. McLaurin that his credentials be returned to him, as he had withdrawn from the conference.

The class in the second year was then called and the following were passed: A. D. Wilbon, deacon's orders, J. W. Autry, for full connection, W. L. Rexford, J. C. Whedbee, Chas. T. Rogers, Louis T. Singleton, Edward N. Harrison, and C. R. Canipe, passed for deacon's orders. Robert D. Daniels was discontinued at his own request.

Third year class was then called and reported by the committees. The following passed and went to the fourth year; Louis E. Sawyer, George B. Webster, N. M. McDaniels, W. T. Usry, Andrew W. Price, Leslie P. Howard, John M. Wright, E. B. Craven, B. P. Robinson, W. F. Galloway, James N. Daniels, and L. B. Jones. William O. Davis and James A. Sharpe were reported as transferred to the Western North Carolina conference.

Committee on fourth year candidates then reported: D. E. Stringfield, advanced; E. H. Hoyle, C. W. Lance, and F. B. Noblitt elected.

First year men were then called and advanced to the class of the second year unless for reasons. Those called in this class were: M. W. Dargon, H. E. Spence, H. E. Lance, Chas. E. Vale, W. C. Martin, H. P. Reade, J. J. Booth, and W. E. Trotman. The name of F. S. Love was called but he had been transferred to the Western North Carolina conference.

In the regular course of the work of the morning the following questions were called: "No. 10. What local preacher elected deacons?" Two were nominated, "No. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?" One was elected. Under question 5, "Who are readmitted?" There were no applications.

At this juncture it was reported that Dr. T. N. Iver, editor of the Christian Advocate, who was not present yesterday had come in and wished to have his character passed so he could submit his report. This was done. He showed the work that is being done by the Advocate and said that while the paper did not have the ten thousand subscribers desired by the conference as yet, still good progress was being made. The new law on subscriptions had caused a loss during the year. Taken all in all the conditions were pretty good.

The resume of the call of Question 20 was then taken up, this having been left off yesterday. Characters were passed and reports made from the following: Revs. R. C. Beaman,

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HEARTLESS ABANDONMENT

Infant of One Day Cruelly Left on Porch of Castle Street Residence, Subsequently Dies of Exposure—Investigation.

Heartlessly abandoned in the bitter cold of Wednesday night on the front porch of the residence of Mrs. Martha Howard, No. 711 Castle street, a male infant, perhaps less than 24 hours old and as yet unidentified, died of the previous exposure yesterday morning at 9 o'clock at the home in which it was left in such cruel manner the night before.

Yesterday morning a little after 12 o'clock, Mrs. Howard, who lives alone with a sister in the house, was awakened by the wail of an infant and going to investigate, she found the tiny child in a basket at her door. His little limbs were blue from the exposure, but Mrs. Howard took him inside and tenderly nursed and warmed him until the child gave promise of living. In spite of all that she could do, however, the little one died yesterday morning at the hour named. Mrs. Howard can form no idea of who left the foundling at her door and there was nothing in the basket or about the scant clothing with which the child was thinly clad to indicate the person or persons who so cruelly abandoned the little one.

Dr. C. D. Bell, the coroner, and Chief of Police Williams were notified by Mrs. Howard of the occurrence and each of those officials made an investigation, however, yet without result. The remains were turned over to Undertaker W. W. King and prepared for burial. Dr. C. T. Harper and Dr. C. P. Bolles, Jr., each of whom saw the remains at the undertaking establishment, gave it as their opinion that the child had died of exposure. The coroner and the police will continue their investigation of the tragedy and it is sincerely to be hoped that their efforts will be crowned with success.

MR. BOWDEN PASSES AWAY

Well Known Citizen Died Yesterday After Short Illness.

Following an acute illness from pneumonia, lasting only four days, Mr. L. Tate Bowden, a highly esteemed citizen, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. S. A. King, No. 505 South Seventh street, yesterday morning at 6:40 o'clock. During the past few months he had been suffering from asthma and contracted a severe cold last Saturday, which developed into an acute attack of pneumonia, which was the immediate cause of his death.

The deceased had a large circle of acquaintances in the city, where he had lived his entire career of 53 years, and his passing is marked by sincere regret. He was admired and loved for his strong traits of character and the honor and integrity which characterized his life, bringing to him the highest regard from all.

During the early years of his business career, he was engaged in the commission business and recently had been employed as manager of a fish establishment on Water street.

The only surviving member of the immediate family is Mrs. S. A. King, with whom the deceased resided. Other relatives in this city are his neices, Misses Mary and Louise King, Mrs. D. C. DeVane, Mrs. E. H. Munson, Mrs. L. A. Bluet nephews, Messrs. James, Henry and Ashley Bowden.

Mr. Bowden was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church from which the funeral will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., the pastor, officiating. He was an Odd Fellow and a member of high standing and the remains will be laid to rest in Oakdale with the honors of the order. Orient Lodge of which he was a member is called officially to assemble at its hall and attend the obsequies in a body.

INSPECTED PROPOSED SITE.

Mill Site in South Wilmington Property Visited by Party Yesterday.

A party composed of Mr. Thomas Bacon, Jr., owner of the property; Mr. J. Ross McNeal, of the Garysburg Mfg. Co.; Mr. Geo. Bounds, a mill contractor, and Mr. C. E. Fisher, of the Wilmington Iron Works, yesterday went down in a gasolene launch to inspect the proposed mill site of the Garysburg company in the South Wilmington settlement, which is being exploited for manufacturing purposes. The party was much pleased with the outlook and found the facilities there first class in every respect. Mr. Bacon hopes early in the new year to have a number of enterprises located in the South Wilmington tract and ere long to have the settlement easily accessible by trolley line from Wilmington.

Insurance Department, K. of P.

At the annual meeting of Section 221, Insurance Department, Knights of Pythias, held last night, Mr. G. W. Branch was elected president; Mr. H. O. Craig, vice president and Mr. John F. Littleton, secretary and treasurer. Drs. D. W. Bulluck and Thos. M. Green were elected medical examiners and the auditing committee was named to consist of J. D. Kelly, W. P. McGlaughon and T. L. Cromartie. The Section now has 99 fourth-class members and 61 of the fifth class with $313,000 of insurance in force.

For fine overcoats and suits go to Rehder's. ••

BAPTISTS IN WILSON

Great State Convention is Now Well Down to Business in Annual Session.

AS TO STATE PROHIBITION

Very Decided Pronouncement as to Enforcement of Law—Ministerial Relief, Education and Sunday School Work Considered.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 10.—With the re-election of Professor J. B. Carlyle as president and Mr. N. B. Broughton for the 26th year as secretary, the Baptist State Convention with fully 500 delegates in attendance settled down to its actual work this morning and very satisfactory progress was made during the day.

The address of welcome by Rev. J. T. Jenkins, host of the convention, last night breathed the very hospitality the people of Wilson on this occasion and a fitting response on behalf of the convention was made by J. C. Kittrell, Esq., of Vance county. The vice presidents of the convention, E. McK. Goodwin, J. M. Parrott and W. E. Harrison are among the leading men in the body. The election of Rev. Livingston Johnson as corresponding secretary and Walters Durham as treasurer, were also fitting recognitions of past services to the church.

This morning the service was taken up with the reading of the reports from the various committees on the order of business, ministers' relief fund and home missions. Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president of the Southern Theological Seminary, addressed the convention, urging the necessity for the support of that institution. Twenty-seven North Carolinians are now in the seminary at Louisville, 18 of these receiving aid to the amount of about $1,600. Dr. Mullins made an eloquent and scholarly plea for education in the seminary and said North Carolina should respond nobly to this work. At the conclusion of his address pledges to the students' fund were taken, amounting to $1,790.

The morning devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. A. J. Moncrief, of Raleigh. Dr. Livingston Johnson read the report on missions and Sunday Schools. Under the ministers' relief fund discussion it was resolved that the pastors take a Christmas offering for the aged and needy members of the State. Rev. Dr. J. D. Hufham made a very touching address on on this subject. He brought tears to the eyes of many when he announced that he was even too poor to buy the ground in which his remains would repose when he finished the fight and was called to his reward.

The Sunday School interest was featured by strong addresses by N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh; Sunday School Secretary E. L. Middleton and B. W. Spillman. The report congratulated the denomination upon the rapid development of the Sunday School and recommended the establishment of home departments and "cradle roll" calls. The discussion upon this branch of the work was very fine.

This afternoon's session was consumed with the consideration of the reports of the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College, the Board of Ministerial Education and of a resolution offered by Rev. J. L. White, of Greensboro, on the prohibition law.

This resolution calls upon the men and women of North Carolina who have righteousness and believe in the sanctity of law to exert to the utmost their efforts to see to it that the prohibition law voted by the people of the State on the 26th of May shall be enforced so that neither licensed nor unlicensed sales of intoxicating liquors shall occur in North Carolina. This resolution also urges the citizens of all communties to organize law and order leagues and calls upon the preachers of the State to impress upon the people from their pulpits the majesty and supremacy of the law.

The convention reaffirmed its expressed view regarding ministerial aid declaring that the assistance given to ministerial students at Wake Forest is a gift and not a loan. The address of Dr. W. L. Poteat was one of the greatest ever heard before a religious assembly in North Carolina. He made a fervent appeal for Christian Education. Tonight home missions and the Thomasville Orphanage reports were read.

Historic Old Deeds.

Two interesting old deeds, one of 1870 and bearing a war tax revenue stamp, and another of 1873, adjoining parcels of land being involved, conveying from the late Edward Kidder and wife to Wesley Poe, after an elapse of 35 and 38 years, respectively, from the date of the transactions were filed for record yesterday with the Register of Deeds. The deed written in 1870 was for the purchase of a lot on Meadow street, 60x75 feet, and situated 90 feet from the west line of Twelfth street, while the latter deed is the continuation of the same lot through to Market street and situated the same distance from Twelfth street. The lots sold then for $130 each.

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THE CLINCHFIELD ROAD.

The Star has more than once called attention to the importance to our city of the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railroad if our people will only take advantage of the opportunity offered to profit by the building of that railroad. The Star has called attention to the action taken by public officials and business organizations in other cities looking to securing advantages from the building of the road to their cities, and it has urged the Chamber of Commerce and the business men of our city to take some action and to show some interest in securing recognition by that railroad of our city as one of its export terminal points. So far as we know, our people have taken no action in the matter, while other seaports are doing all they can to secure the prize—a prize every South Atlantic port except Wilmington seems to think worth trying to secure. Why our people should be so remiss in looking after their own interests in this matter is a mystery to us. We believe Wilmington could be made the chief point of export for this road of our people would exert themselves; but with other ports offering inducements and taking great interest in the building of the southern extension of the road we cannot expect our port to be chosen if our citizens show no interest in having it made the chief seaport terminal of the system. Why our people are so blind to their own interests in this matter is surprising to us. Why doesn't our Chamber of Commerce take hold of this matter? Why does it lie supine and allow other seaports with less natural advantages to take this prize from us? This is not like the Wilmington people. They of late have been remarkably active and progressive in all work looking to the advantage of our city and to its building up as a seaport and distributing center. We hope our business men will see the importance of this matter and get to work before it is too late.

VALUE OF SOUTHERN CONGRESSMEN.

In a personal letter from Congressman Godwin of this district, we find a paragraph which we will publish, though embodied in a personal letter. Mr. Godwin says to us:

"I am in Washington and will be anxious and willing at all times to serve my constituents. Please influence them to call upon me with reference to their public matters. Too many of our people do not know the duties of a Representative. They believe that his chief object is to draw his salary and not to serve the people. I want it understood that I am anxious to serve them at all times."

Mr. Godwin says truly that he is willing and anxious at all times to serve his constituents. This is verified by his past record. No Congressman this district has ever had has shown greater desire to be of benefit to his constituents in departmental matters and has striven more earnestly to advance the interests of the people of his district. With a Republican majority in the House, of course, a minority member can do his party and his constituents no good by making big speeches on matters pending before the body. What the South wants is Congressmen who can get favors from the departments, men who will work in the departments in the interest of the people and who can by display of diligence acquire influence and thereby gain benefits for their people. We think Mr. Godwin has already shown himself to be a minority member of this class and in so doing he has made himself a valuable member of the Southern delegation in Congress.

COLONEL BENNETT'S CALL FOR HELP.

Colonel Risden Tyler Bennett, of Wadesboro, who is a jurist, a statesman, a politician, a lawyer and a farmer, and who is noted the State over for the unique obituaries he has from time to time written on the death of citizens of his county, now comes out in his home paper with a complaint about the destruction to his crop done by two calves in which he says:

"I have taken up two calves, solemn-colored beasts, which have worried me till my religion is unsteady and the echo full of oaths. These calves were 10 days getting full. They are shaped like an old-fashioned window curtain. The owner of these beasts will have a time set for getting them. Damages feasant."

We hope the owner of the calves will take them off the colonel's hands and rye patch so that he can steady his religious ideas and get a focus on the goal for which he is with all other good people contending.

We cannot see where was the wrong in the Southern Commercial Congress, in session in Washington this week declaring in favor of "constructive legislation" regarding railroads and urging co-operation between the people and railroads and other corporate interests. Do any think it would have been better to declare for the opposite of these principles?

The "Blue Ridge Daily Breaze" is the latest addition to the daily press of the State. It is an eight column paper, subscription one dollar a year. The white paper and ink will cost about that much. But maybe the proprietor sees his way to a fortune in the enterprise, but we are afraid he will be disappointed.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—We talk and talk about our cotton monopoly. Yet New England, without any natural resource of any great value, has made more money out of cotton than the South has. Twice the "great monopoly" has gone to 5 cents a pound, which was a starvation price. We need less talk about monopoly and better handling of the crop. The farmers are on the right track in the matter of warehouses.—Charlotte Chronicle.

—In pursuance of his policy of presenting the extensive and varied possibilities which the South offers for the safe and profitable investment of capital, Editor Richard H. Edmonds publishes in the current issue of The Manufacturers' Record a number of statements from Northern and Eastern financiers who control money for investment, which, taken as a whole, are most optimistic and encouraging.—Atlanta Constitution.

—President Roosevelt's commission for the betterment of the condition of the farmers, which got some advertising through Dr. Stiles' speech at Raleigh, is about winding up its tour. It has been as far as California and will have its final meeting in Washington on the 18th. So Far, North Carolina is the only State that has given it a lift in the way ofnotoriety. It is stated that in addition to the personal visits of the commission 600,000 circular letters have been sent out from Washington to various parts of the country, and about 2,000 replies are being received daily, enabling the commission to get into close touch with all enterprises for rural betterment.—Charlotte Observer.

—The New York World is in no wise dismayed, or made afraid, by the President's very vigorous words, applied to the editor of the Indianapolis News in regard to the Panama Canal matter. The World, before the election, insistently demanded information as to who got the $40,000,000, and persistently maintained that there had been crooked dealing, printing a great mass of facts in support of its assertions. Since the election that paper has not had a great deal to say about the matter but the President's letter to Mr. Charles Dudley Foulke has evidently put it in a fighting mood and it has come out in a two column editorial crying for a Congressional investigation.—Raleigh Times.

—When Signor Ferrero, the Italian historian, praised Theodore Roosevelt as the Augustus Caesar of his time he must have forgotten that under Augustus Rome ceased to be a republic and became an empire with the seeds of rapid decay in its heart, and that it is the fear of the coming of such a transition that has filled American patriots with concern in the presence of Mr. Roosevelt's usurpations and extra-Constitutional rulings. But perhaps Signor Ferrero did not forget and was the better pleased because he knew all this. The point of view of a European who imbibed autocracy and imperialism with his mother's milk is, of course, widely different from that of the old-fashioned American nourished on the ideals of Thomas Jefferson. The praises showered on Mr. Roosevelt by monarchical Europe, while delighting the unthinking, have but added to the uneasiness of real Americans during the past few years.—Macon Telegraph.

—Professor Thomas, of the Chicago University (the name seems familiar, and in some way associated with strange notions), enlarging upon the ideas of Carl Vogt, of Geneva, as to the mental power of women, whites in the American Magazine, that women are inferior to men in scientific and laboratory work, and are, for the most part, "enormously crammed." The expression comes from the class-room. Professor Thomas says that if examinations consisted solely of written or oral replies to questions on subjects which have ben treated in lectures, the women would always obtain brilliant results, but that they cannot meet practical tests successfully. He also accuses women of being "awkward and clumsy" with their hands in laboratories, contrary to the opinion very generally held that the more delicate the fingers the better adapted to microscopic and similar work.—Mobile Register.

—A few weeks ago President Roosevelt made a statement to the effect that he could never see a moral issue in the tariff, but there is a large number of people, however, who are not afflicted with the President's imperfect vision. It has been recalled that at the Economic Congress held in London last August, Prof. David Starr Jordan delivered an address in which he discussed the moral system as follows: "If the principles of our Republic are right, then the theory and the practice of the protective tariff are wrong; its greatest evil is moral, not economic. It lies in the perversion of our theories of government, the introduction of the idea of class enrichment through legislation. Behind all discussion of sources and means of prosperity, the fact remains that democratic justice, fundamental equity between man and man, can never be realized in America so long as any trace of the protective tariff remains on our statute books."—New Orleans State.

TWINKLINGS.

—Askitt—Do you believe in the theory of heredity? Noitt—Sure thing. My barber is the father of three little shavers.—Chicago News.

—"The Professor says my bathing suit is rather exiguous." "Is that a compliment?" "I don't know. I'm going after the dictionary now."—Kansas City Journal.

—"How many servants does your mother keep?" asked the lady who had just moved into the neighborhood. "None," replied little Janet, "but we hire lots."—Puck.

—Wife—What was the matter? I thought you would break down the house. Husband—I dreamed I was trying to put on my clothes in the upper berth of a Pullman.—Life.

—"You did wrong to write that letter beginning 'My Dear Senator.'" "I know I did," answered the corporation official. "He wasn't dear at all. He was shockingly cheap."—Washington Star.

—"Life is largely a pretense," "Say the rest of it." "I used to have to pretend that I liked cigarettes when I was a kid and now it's the same with grand opera."—Washington Herald.

—"You see," said the Professor, "the science of chemistry depends on the discovery of certain affinities—" "Pardon me," interrupted Miss Prym, "I trust the conversation can proceed without drifting into scandal."—Washington Star.

—Poorman—I understand you are a millionaire. Would you mind telling me about your stepping stones to success? Richly—I inherited them. Poorman—Beg pardon? Richley—I inherited my wise old father's "rocks." See?—Columbus Dispatch.

—Farmer Medders—So, th' bunco man told yew he wuz a son o' good ole Deacon Perkins, an' yew believed him? Farmer Snakeroot—Not at first, Si; but when he started in talkin' religion an' tryin' ter pick my pocket at th' same time, by gum! I jes' couldn't help but believe he wuz Deacon Perkins' own son.—Judge.

—"Although my father is an invalid," said Miss Howell, "he takes a deep interest in my musical education. He always encourages me to practice my singing at home, even when he's in the greatest pain." "Well," replied Miss Cutting, "they do say that one may be made to forget a great pain by a greater one."—The Catholic Standard and Times.

—Statesville Landmark: The evidence that homicide is lightly regarded is abundant in the light punishments imposed by the courts and the numerous escapes from any punishment. Last week, for instance, the Governor commuted the sentences of two men serving 20-year terms in the State prison for murder in the second degree so that one will be released at the end of ten years and one at the end of seven. At the same time he refused a pardon to an old man convicted of embezzlement while serving as clerk in the State Treasurer's office and sentenced to ten years, although he has served seven years of his term. In other words, the terms of manslayers are cut one-half and about two-thirds while the application to cut the term of an embezzler one-third is refused.

—Smithfield, N. C., Dec. 9.—Charles M. Kirkman, proprietor of the White Star Company, died today at 2:30 P. M., from injuries received by a fall at the recent fire, his skull being fractured. Mr. Kirkman was thirty years of age, a young man of marked business ability and exceedingly popular with all his acquaintances.

Had a Close Call.

Mrs. Ada L. Croom, the widely known proprietor of the Croom Hotel, Vaughn, Miss., says: "For several months I suffered with a severe cough, and consumption seemed to have its grip on me, when a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. I began taking it, and three bottles effected a complete cure." The fame of this life saving cough and cold remedy, and lung and throat healer is world wide. Sold at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. 50c and $1.00 Trial bottle free.

PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS
PAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 50c.

A Puzzle In Figures.

Take any number of three different figures, as 471, under it place the same figures in reverse order, subtract the lesser number and you will find that the middle figure of the result is invariably 9. Why it is so is something that only the most learned mathematical scholars can explain. Here is our case worked out:

Taking any number, say	471
Reversing figures	174
Subtracting, we have	297

Further still, we can now reverse this number 297 in the same way and add the two numbers and the result will always come 1089. Thus:

Taking	297
Reversing	792
Adding, we have	1089

Why should the answer always come out the same? Here's something for you to work over.

A Friend In Need.

A speaker in the recent Shropshire (England) election relates the following incident: One night he spoke in the poultry market at Whitchurch. The next morning a young man stopped him in the street and said:

"I was looking well after you last night."

The speaker expressed surprise at the necessity.

The young man continued his story: "I saw a young man come into the meeting with his coat pockets bulging out in a way that made me suspicious. Two of us followed him in. He stood at the back of the room, and we stood one on each side of him. Gently but firmly we pressed against him. There was a faint crackling sound of breaking eggs, and the man was out of action."

Arms, Legs and the Man.

How many of us have noticed that we walk with our arms as well as with our legs? Sitting on a grassy slope overlooking a seaside promenade I was struck by the mechanical swing of the arms of the stream of passersby—the right arm always keeping position with the left leg and the left arm with the right leg. By attempting to reverse the order of the swing I found that I had a tendency to progress like a crab, while the effort to keep them fixed by the side was like the shutting off the steam from the engine. Arms and the man must be amended to arms, legs and the man!—London Chronicle.

Venice Too Wet For Her.

A woman who recently returned from a trip to Europe says wet weather hasn't bothered this country at all in comparison with what she saw abroad. She says that they ran into a town named Venice where the water covered every street, and you couldn't get anywhere except in boats. She added: "You bet we only stayed one day in that slosh."—Kansas City Star.

Things to Remember.

He who would pass his declining years with honor and comfort should when young remember that he may one day become old and remember when he is old that he has been once young.—Addison.

For Hollow Eyes

Fading Beauty

Your good looks begin to fade as soon as something begins to affect the appearance of your eyes.

Dark hollow circles around them—one of the first outward signs of female trouble,—make you look sick, worn and old.

Wine of Cardui is recommended to you as a means of preserving your good looks, strengthening your system and making you healthy and well.

Thousands of ladies have used Cardui, as a cure for female ailments of different kinds. It has been found to prevent or relieve female pain, regulate irregularities, strengthen the female frame, brighten the eye and bring back the flush of health to the cheeks.

Try Cardui for your troubles. It is safe and always reliable, purely vegetable and harmless to young and old.

Sold by reliable druggists, everywhere, with full directions, in six languages, inside the wrapper.

VALUABLE BOOK FREE

Write for 64-page illustrated Book, *"Home Treatment for Women,"* describing symptoms of Female Diseases and giving valuable hints on health, hygiene, diet, medicine, etc., for women. Sent free, postpaid. Address: *Ladies Advisory Dept.*, The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

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The cold weather will soon be here and you should be prepared for it by having suitable clothes.

Come in—look over our magnificent showing of fine clothes.

SEE OUR PRICES

We know you will be interested. We won't urge you to buy—we take pleasure in showing you such fine clothes.

Latest styles, Nobbish patterns, perfect fitting and workmanship equal to that of the very best merchant tailors.

Our line of Neckwear is the prettiest ever shown in the city.

J. W. Fleet Co.

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TEST TUBES
For Making Hat Pin Cases With.

Mixed Spices, 5 and 10c box.
Ground Sage.
Ground Red Pepper.
Ground Black Pepper.
Ground Thyme, and all such things for pickles, sausage, liver pudding, etc., and for seasoning the dressing of Christmas turkey, goose or duck.

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FRONT AND GRACE STREETS.
"The Store That Has Everything Anybody Else Has and Some Things Nobody Else Has.

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ALL NEED

A stimulant at sometime or another, therefore remember that January is not far off—and supply yourself while our stock of WINES AND LIQUORS is still complete and now selling at reduced prices.

Atlantic Cafe

GIESCHEN BROS. Props.
Opposite Union Depot.

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We Sell Vinol

on the positive guarantee that if it does not give satisfaction we will return the entire amount of money paid us for it.

We ask all those who are run-down, nervous, debilitated, aged or weak, and every person suffering from stubborn colds, hanging-on coughs, bronchitis or incipient consumption to try Vinol with this understanding.

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Wilmington, N. C.

Fire Works! Fire Works!

All Kinds and at Bottom Prices.
Wholesale and Retail.

Send Me Your Orders at Once.

J. W. PLUMMER, JR.

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J. HARGROVE TAYLOR

131 Market St. GROCER. Phone 1052

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THE Barry Shoe

FOR MEN WHO CARE TO DRESS WELL

RIGHT FROM HEAD TO FOOT— AND ESPECIALLY THE FEET

ABOVE ALL

You can't be well dressed if your shoes are wrong.

Your shoes are not right if they do not conform to the latest styles, if they do not fit properly, and if they do not bear up well under usage for a long time in all kinds of weather.

Barry Shoes will solve your shoe problems for all time, and you will have the comforting knowledge that your feet are properly dressed.

You will be thoroughly comfortable and you will save money.

Barry shoes are handsome shoes, splendidly made by Union labor from costly materials.

We would like to show them to you, and have you see for yourself how good they really are.

SOLOMON'S SHOE STORE
Wilmington, N. C,.

ABOVE ALL

BELLE of VIRGINIA

BLENDED RYE

Belle of Virginia Rye deserves its name, and the name is certainly one of distinction and old-time aristocracy. It's a whiskey we are proud of on account of its purity and high quality and its hosts of admiring friends who will drink nothing else. Belle of Virginia is a blend—a scientific, uniform blend of pure, old goods. It's a whiskey with a flavor, and a fine, invigorating after-effect long to be remembered by those who drink it. Try it and you will make no mistake.

Sold at the places where gentlemen go to get a drink.

J. & E. MAHONEY
Portsmouth- Virginia

THE WHISKEY WITH ANCESTRY

"To Our Country Friends"

We have just received a car load of

American Steel & Wire Co.'s "Royal" Field Fencing.

Can furnish twenty-six inches to forty-seven inches high, both six and twelve inch stays.

Send us your orders.

WM. E. SPRINGER & CO.

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Special for This Week

Hot Chocolate and Manhattan Ice Cream

'Phone 534 for anything you want.

SCHUTT'S PHARMACY

Prescriptions a Specialty.

Phone 534. Second and Princess.

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TRIALS FOR ANIMALS

Curious Custom That Prevailed In the Middle Ages.

PROSECUTED FOR HOMICIDE.

A Bull That Killed a Man Found Guilty, Sentenced to Death and Executed—Fate of a Cock That Was Charged With Having Laid an Egg.

Among the many curious customs of the past is recorded a singular feature of the jurisprudence of the middle ages, when animals were indicted for injuries inflicted upon human beings. The custom was not abolished in France until the middle of the eighteenth century, and the French court records show that at least ninety-two trials took place between 1120 and 1741.

There is some Biblical precedent for these proceedings, for in the twenty-first chapter of Exodus one finds, "if an ox gore a man or a woman that they die, then the ox shall be stoned and his flesh shall not be eaten."

An early instance of the custom was in 1314, when a bull escaped from a farmyard in a village in France in the duchy of Valois and gored a man to death. The Count of Valois, being informed of the case, directed that the bull be captured and formally prosecuted for homicide. This was done, and evidence was given by persons who had seen the man attacked and killed. The bull was thereupon sentenced to suffer death, which was inflicted by strangulation, after which the carcass was suspended from a tree by the hind legs.

In 1386 a sow was executed in the square of Falaise for having caused the death of a child, and three years later a horse was condemned to death at Dijon for having killed a man. In 1457 a sow and her six young ones were tried at Lavegny on the charge of having killed and partially eaten a child. The sow was convicted and condemned to death, but the little ones were acquitted on the ground of their extreme youth and inexperience, the bad example of their mother and the absence of direct evidence of their having partaken of the atrocious feast.

One of the most grotesque of these trials took place in Basel when a farmyard cock was tried on the absurd charge of having laid an egg. It was contended in support of the prosecution that eggs laid by cocks were of inestimable worth for use in certain magical preparations, that a sorcerer would rather possess a cock's egg than the elixir of life and that Satan employed witches to hatch such eggs, from which proceeded winged serpents most dangerous to mankind.

The prisoner's advocate admitted the facts of the case, but contended that no evil intention had been proved and that no evil result had taken place. Besides, the laying of an egg was an involuntary act and as such was not punishable by law; also there was no record of the devil having made a compact with an animal. The public prosecutor stated in reply that the evil one sometimes entered into animals, as in the case of the swine which drowned themselves in the sea of Galilee.

So the poor creature was convicted not as a cock, but as a sorcerer or perhaps the devil in the form of a cock, whereupon the bird and the egg that was attributed to it were solemnly burned at the stake.

Even stranger than this were the proceedings instituted in 1445 and 1487 against certain beetles which had made havoc in the vineyards of St. Julian. Advocates were named on behalf of the vine growers and the beetles respectively, but by a singular coincidence the insects disappeared when cited to answer for the mischief they had done, and the proceedings were in consequence abandoned.

That was in 1445. In 1487, however, they reappeared, and a complaint was thereupon addressed to the vicar general of the bishop of Maurienne, who named a judge and also an advocate to represent the beetles. A compromise was finally agreed upon, wherein the vine growers consented to cede the beetles certain fields to their exclusive use. Some time after the beetles, through their attorney, protested that there was a right of way through these fields which would be to their detriment. Consequently the case had to begin again, but how it ended is not known, owing to the mutilation of the records.—F. C. Evans in New York Post.

Lotteries.

The first scheme for the distribution of prizes by chance in modern times is generally attributed to one Benedetto Gentile of Genoa, who established his lottery in 1620. The proper lottery, in which each person takes part by means of tickets costing each a fixed sum of money, had its origin in more ancient times, being known even in the middle ages. Such a lottery was established at Florence as early as 1530.—New York American.

Ladylike.

"You say you acted like a perfect lady throughout?" "Sure, yer honor. When he tips his hat to me an' me not knowin' him, I ups with a rock an' caves in his face."—Houston Post.

Habit.

Action repeated becomes habit. Habit long continued becomes second nature. We are today what we were accustomed to do yesterday and the day before.—Lyman Abbott.

Evil comes by talking of it.—Irish Proverb.

Cottolene

Shortens your food—Lengthens your life

Cottolene is a cleanly, wholesome product. It is made from cotton-seed oil, in a thoroughly modern and hygienic manner, and is just as pure as olive oil. It, moreover, makes palatable, digestible, healthful food which will agree with the most delicate stomach. Lard food on the contrary, is indigestible, and will cause trouble if its use is persisted in.

Cottolene is endorsed by the most prominent cooks and household economists of the country, as well as by those of the medical profession who make a special study of pure food. There is no substitute for *Cottolene*, because there is no shortening so good as *Cottolene*. It stands alone, as everyone who has used it according to directions will verify.

COTTOLENE is Guaranteed Your grocer is hereby authorized to refund your money in case you are not pleased, after having given *Cottolene* a fair test.

Never Sold in Bulk *Cottolene* is packed in pails with an air-tight top to keep it clean, fresh and wholesome, and prevent it from catching dust and absorbing disagreeable odors, such as fish, oil, etc.

Cook Book Free For a 2c stamp, to pay postage, we will mail you our new "PURE FOOD COOK BOOK" edited and compiled by Mrs. Mary J. Lincoln, the famous Food Expert, and containing nearly 300 valuable recipes.

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Smoked Beef Tongue, Seasonable Fruits of all kinds. Best line of fresh meats in the city.

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Offer you the best and only the best. Cut and fixed ready for your table by Expert Cutters. Both Native and Western Beef, Lamb, Mutton, Veal, Country Pork, Genuine all pork Sausage, Turkeys, Chickens, Eggs, Butter, Sliced Hams, both raw and boiled, Breakfast Bacon, Bologna, German Metwurst. If you can't come 'phone us your orders.

FRONT STREET MARKET.

Four Stalls. 'Phones 141 and 128.

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Made In Three Minutes with The "UNIVERSAL" BREAD MAKER and RAISER than can be made by hand in 30 Minutes. Hands do not touch the dough. DOES AWAY WITH HAND KNEADING. Easy to clean. A child can work it.

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FRIDAY, DEC. 11TH.

MAY ROBSON

The Rejane of America, in her 468th consecutive performance in the charming comedy

"THE REJUVENATION OF AUNT MARY."

"A Laugh Every Minute."—N. Y. Herald.

Seats Selling Thursday.

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Coal! Coal!!

Just arrived, 1,402 tons of the celebrated Pennsylvania Hard Coal by Schooner "Symington." This cargo, with another of over 1,000 tons to sail next, will with 5,000 tons already in stock, put us in position to keep all our friends in and about Wilmington well supplied with this superior kind of coal during the next few months.

We keep in a large supply of the celebrated domestic lump coal from mines of West Virginia and Tennessee.

As for wood, we have no end of the best oak, ash, pine, etc., cut to order for stoves, grates, etc.

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No. 7 NORTH FRONT ST.

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OUR $3.50 and $4.00 SHOES have no Equal All Leathers

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when you can buy so many useful, and serviceable Christmas presents from

C. H. FORE & Company

A new lot of furs just in by express.

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Advertising Makes Business Hum

The Morning Star.

Friday, December 11, 1908.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 11, 1908.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Thursday, Dec. 10:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 33 degrees; 8 P. M. 43 degrees; maximum 49 degrees; minimum 33 degrees; mean 41 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month, .78 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville Wednesday at 8 A. M. 5.9 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Increasing cloudiness and warmer with probably showers late Friday; Saturday partly cloudy; fresh south winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 11.

Sun Rises.....7:00 A. M.
Sun Sets.....4:46 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 50 min.
High water at Southport 10:29 P. M.
High water at Wilmington 12:10 A. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Crystal Palace—Gift Matinee.
Orion Lodge, I. O. O. F.—Attention.
W. E. Worth & Co.—Notice of Sale.
Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.—Again.

Business Locals.

C. M. Faircloth—For Sale.
Wanted—Furnished Rooms.
Young Man—Desires Position.
E. M. P. Odham & Co.—Notice.
St. John's Branch—Japanese Tea.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Colonel W. B. Fort was among last evening's arrivals at The Orton and is here on a brief business trip.

—Mr. F. B. Gault, of Lake Waccamaw, was a Wilmington business visitor yesterday.

—Col. Harry Skinner, of Greenville; Messrs. Wade Meadows, of Newbern; David J. Lewis, of Whiteville, and W. C. Toon, of Chadbourn, were among the arrivals at The Orton yesterday.

—B. F. Aycock, Esq., of Fremont, was among the visitors to the city yesterday and was registered at The Orton. Mr. Aycock is a member-elect of the North Carolina Corporation Commission and was pleasantly greeted by numerous Wilmington friends.

BROWN, TOON & CO.

New Wilmington Firm Succeeds William E. Worth & Company.

A business change of interest in connection with the approach of the new year is the announcement, officially made in another column, that Messrs. A. A. Brown, W. P. Toon and John F. Littleton, all well known in the business community, have purchased the wholesale grocery, cold storage and commission business of Messrs. W. E. Worth & Co., and will conduct the same in the future under the firm name of Brown, Toon & Co. In announcing the sale of the business Messrs. Wm. E. Worth & Co., bespeak for the new firm a continuance of the liberal patronage heretofore extended and in taking over the business the new proprietors hope to merit a liberal share of the trade. Mr. Worth, it is understood, retires from the business to devote himself more largely to his oil and fertilizer interests. The new firm is composed of enterprising and progressive men, who have long been with the Worth Company and they each enjoy the confidence and esteem of the public. The Star wishes for the new enterprise a full and abundant share of success. The change of proprietorship went into effect yesterday.

JINGLES! JINGLES! JINGLES!

Nothing But Jingles All Day and the Competition is Fierce.

Up to last night at 8 o'clock nearly one thousand jingles had been submitted to the "jingle editor" of the Star in the advertising contest announced last Sunday. The contest closes this morning at 8:30 o'clock and no jingles will be received after that time. The advertisers for whom the jingles are prepared are the sole judges of the contest and no one connected with the Star has any voice in the matter whatever. The jingles are received at this office and then submitted to each advertiser who selects the one most suitable to him and these are then furnished to the paper for publication Sunday morning with the names of the winners. The jingles thus far submitted have been sent to the respective advertisers and they are now at work on their selections and these will be announced Sunday morning. The list of contestants runs the gamut from mesenger boys to bankers, some of the efforts are good, some are bad and some are indifferent, but all these matters are up to the advertisers and they will make the selections. The announcement Sunday morning will be awaited with interest.

ARRESTED IN DILLON, S. C.

White Liveryman Charged With Liquor Selling—Street Paving.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 10.—Sheriff Watson this morning sent Deputy Sheriff J. C. Culbreth to Dillon, S. C., for Alex. Deal, a white livery stable man, who was recently arrested here in a party of 18 charged with selling liquor, the raid having been made by a party of South Carolina detectives. Deal fled before his trial, forfeiting $200 bond, but was arrested yesterday at Dillon and Officer Culbreth went for him today. Deal refused to return without requisition and the deputy returned pending application to the Governor for the necessary papers to bring him here.

The work of paving the four principal streets of the city was begun today at noon by the Atlantic Bitulithic Co. Ground was broken on Person street preparatory to grading and paving to follow at once.

LOCAL DOTS.

—At 2:25 o'clock yesterday afternoon the Fire Department responded to a false alarm from box 34. No arrests were made.

—Mr. H. W. Malloy will be the speaker at the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Sunnday afternoon at 5 o'clock. He will be heard with much interest by the young men.

—Wilmington merchants are beginning to display their holiday wares and not a few windows are resplendent with Christmas suggestions. Next week the holiday trade is expected to be on in dead earnest.

—The sale of banker ponies, driving and draft horses and mules at Mills' stables will begin today. Many people have called at the stables to look over the fine lot of ponies and the sale promises to be large.

—A building permit was issued yesterday by Building Inspector Furlong to Contractor R. H. Brady, for the erection of a two-story, modern residence on Ann, between Second and Third streets, at an estimated cost of $2,000.

—The frosts in this section the past few mornings have been very heavy, but truck growers report that little damage has been done to crops. Outdoor lettuce has been burned to some extent, but the injury to this vegetable is not great.

—The Star has received a communication postmarked "Rocky Point," announcing the approaching marriage of a couple on December 16th. Such announcements cannot be published without the name of the writer, not for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

—The sale at I Shrier's yesterday attracted much attention and hundreds of orders for the high grade custom tailoring advertised as the special event were taken. The sale continues ten days but many are taking advantage of early selections and are profiting thereby.

—Early Wednesday night while members of the family were away from home a sneak thief entered the residence of Mr. H. G. Fennell, No. 219 North Seventh street, and carried away a handsome parlor lamp and several sofa pillows. The police are endeavoring to locate the thief.

—Sarah Jane Loftin and Edward Mosley, two insane colored people, who have been confined in the county jail here for safe keeping, will be carried to Goldsboro today and placed in the asylum by Deputy Sheriff Piver. He will bring back Maggie Mosley, colored, who has sufficiently recovered after a course of treatment.

RIVERS AND HARBORS.

North Carolina Well Represented at Great Meeting in Washington.

Advices from the Wilmington delegation in attendance upon the fifth annual Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington, the proceedings of which are carried in the Associated Press dispatches to the Star this morning, are to the effect that North Carolina has a very fine representation there and that the attendance from all parts of the country breaks all records. Among those present are President Jas. H. Chadbourn and Secretary Meares Harriss, of the North Carolina Waterways Association; Maj. E. W. VanC. Lucas, Capt. Donald MacRae, Capt. T. D. Meares, Messrs. H. G. Smallbones, D. L. Gore, J. B. Mercer, and Chas. C. Chadbourn, of Wilmington; Maj. E. J. Hale, Dr. H. W. Lilly, Capt. E. R. Mackethan, B. R. Horne and F. R. Rose, Fayetteville; D. A. Tompkins, J. A. Fore, J. N. McCausland, Charlotte; S. B. Tanner, Henrietta; S. J. Durham, Bessemer City; C. H. Poe, Fred A. Olds, Raleigh; W. C. Underwood, Elizabeth City; Chas. S. Wallace, Morehead City; R. G. Underwood, Hertford; Thomas Woodruff, Mt. Airy; J. Elwood Cox, High Point; J. M. Morehead, Spray, and John G. Grant, Henderson.

IN HONOR OF FOUNDER

Handsome Bronze Tablet Placed at Annex to Memorial Hospital.

In appreciation of the splendid munificence of Mr. Wm. H. Sprunt in making possible the erection of the handsome annex to the James Walker Memorial Hospital, providing sufficient and comfortable wards for colored patients and elegant quarters for the nurses at the institution, the Board of Managers have recently had placed at the building a handsome bronze tablet, suitably inscribed in honor of the gift of the generous donor. The tablet has been put in place and was inspected Tuesday evening by members of the Board upon the occasion of their regular monthly meeting. The inscription is as follows:

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The substantial colored citizens of Wilmington have upon more than one occasion shown their appreciation of Mr. Sprunt's generosity in their behalf by useful donations for which the Board of Managers desire to express their thanks.

Y. M. C. A. Basket Ball.

In what is declared by all to have been the fastest basket ball game ever witnessed at the Y. M. C. A., Capt. Stevens' team last night defeated that of Capt. Buurkhardt by the score of 22 to 10. The winning team made 8 in the first and 14 in the second half while the losers divided their points 4 in the first and 6 in the second. Capt. Stevens played centre for the winners, Thees and Hanson forwards and McClelland and Rutledge guards. Capt. Buarkhardt played forward with Kendall for the losers and Parker was centre and Howes and Andrews guards.

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ROUTINE BUSINESS

(Continued From First Page.)

E. H. Davis, W. B. Constable, E. E. Rose, P. Greening, R. F. Taylor, J. M. Benson, J. D. Bundy J. H. M. Giles, D. A. Futrell, J. H. Frizzelle, A. P. Tyer, J. M. Lowder, W. A. Piland, E. C. Sell, R. R. Grant, J. S. Rumley, M. T. Plyler, J. G. Tripp, W. A. Forbes, J. W. Martin, R. H. Willis, D. H. Tuttle, B. H. Black, W. H. Kirtin, F. D. Swindell, R. E. Hunt, and R. L. Davis. C. R. Taylor was reported as dead, and Rev. Biggs was admitted from the Methodist Protestant church.

In submitting his report Rev. R. L. Davis, who has been at the head of the anti-saloon fight in the State for quite two years, or one of the head men, told of that work. He said that the work was just now fairly begun. There has been secured the enactment of a law against the manufacture and sale of whiskey but he said that law was an inanimate thing and that to get results it must be enforced, and that the friends of the prohibition move should get behind it and see that this is done. There must be a co-operation on the matter of breaking up the jug trade. He was given the closest attention.

Rev. G. H. Church, member of the Baptist denomination, this city, and Rev. Mr. Rogers, of the Western North Carolina Conference, were introduced to the conference.

Question 1 was then called: "Who are admitted on trial?" and six were admitted, as follows: Walton A. Stanberry, E. E. Barnett, C. B. Culbreth, W. J. Watson, T. G. Vickers, and J. A. Martin, A motion was made requesting the bishop to appoint Mr. Barnett to the Y. M. C. A. Work at Chapel Hill. This will be done.

Revs. J. B. Bridges, of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Rev. O. P. Routh, of the Methodist Protestant church, were admitted to the membership of this conference in elders orders.

Dr. Walton R. Lambeth, missionary secretary of the church from Nashville, Tennessee, was introduced and for more than thirty minutes charmed the conference with an address on the general mission work of the church in foreign lands. Dr. Lambeth is high authority on this enterprise of the church, as well as governmental conditions in foreign lands.

Tomorrow morning at 10:30 the memorial service for Rev. Charles E. Taylor, deceased, will be held in the conference room.

IN SUPERIOR COURT

Another Entire Day Consumed With Dunn Oil Mills Case Yesterday.

In Superior Court yesterday another entire day was taken up with the second of the suits brought by the Murchison National Bank against the Dunn Oil Mills, the one now in hearing also including as party defendant J. D. Barnes, and upwards of $10,000 being involved. The plaintiff paid a note for the defendant Barnes, which was deposited with the bank here by the Farmers' National Bank, of Dunn, as collateral, the latter institution having become insolvent several years ago and Mr. Barnes claiming that the Dunn bank owed the Dunn Oil Mills, of which he was president. The case is being hard fought by ex-Judge E. K. Bryan and Messrs. Rountree & Carr for the plaintiff and by Messrs. J. C. Clifford and N. A. Townsend, of Dunn, and Messrs. John D. Bellamy and Woodus Kellum, of Wilmington, as counsel for the defendants. The hearing of the case wil be continued when court meets this morning.

The case of Balliere against Atlantic Shingle, Cooperage and Veneer Company has been submitted to Judge Lyon by the attorneys, who has taken the matter under advisement for decision later.

BLACK RIVER CHURCHES

Elders and Deacons Hold Important Meeting at Ivanhoe, N. C.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Ivanhoe, N. C., Dec. 10.—The elders and deacons of the Black River group of Presbyterian churches held their meeting in Black River Chapel on last Sunday. Elder W. I. Shaw, of Kerr church, was made chairman. Each church in the group was well represented. A very interesting and instructive address was delivered by Mr. E. E. Murphy, elder of Caswell church, on the "Laymen's Movement." Elder James N. Corbett delivered one on "The Bible and Catechetical Instruction in Our Homes," bringing out with force the importance of the Bible study and the instruction in every home, showing the Bible as the great storehouse of knowledge. These meetings are very interesting and should be attended largely. Dinner was served on the grounds for them and all enjoyed themselves. The next meeting will be held with Caswell church on the second Sunday in March.

ANNUAL JAPANESE TEA.

Delightful Affair This Evening by St. John's Branch Auxiliary.

The annual Japanese Tea and Sale by St. John's Branch of the Junior Auxiliary, which is always an affair of much pleasure and interest to those who attend, will be given this afternoon and evening at the residence of Mrs. James F. Woolvin, No. 503 Chesnut street. The hours will be from 4 o'clock in the afternoon until 9 in the evening and all friends are invited to call between those hours. The St. John's Branch is one of the most popuular of the church auxiliaries and has arranged a most pleasant and entertaining evening for all.

Circuit Court of Appeals.

In the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at Richmond on yesterday the case of the Corbitt Buggy Company, appellant, against A. G. Ricaud, trustee of John L. James, bankrupt, appellee, was argued by Herbert McClammy, Esq., and George Rountree, Esq., for the appellant, and by Thos. W. Davis and Meares & Ruark for the appellee. A decision in the case will not be handed down until later.

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The Theatre

Tonight the Academy offers for the delight of Wilmington theatre-goers, Miss May Robson, who will be seen in the big New York success, "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary." The management has expressed the strong desire that this attraction be greeted by a large audience, so as to assure the obtaining of other big stars here in future. Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer greatly praised the attraction, saying in part:

"There are plays and plays and still there are plays—some of them ordinary, some otherwise. The attraction which Raleigh theatre-goers were treated to last night at the Academy of Music was so far superior to the average drawing card which usually graces the bill boards, that its refreshing excellence was somewhat of a surprise.

"'The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary' is of that type which makes a busy man forget that he has something to do; it is the kind that causes the fellow with a long face and a pessimistic disposition to sit up and note that human nature—when properly portrayed—is exceedingly interesting. Those who laughed and weeped and laughed at and with May Robson last night know that the 'Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary' is one of those comedies that attract and hold one's attention from beginning to end, with no abating of interest in any part of it."

A Gift Matinee.

In order that the children may have a special opportunity of witnessing the present week's big bill at the Crystal Palace the management tomorrow afternoon will devote the matinee performances to them. It will also make the performances of a "gift nature," as a handsome doll and some pretty toy will be given to a lucky girl and boy. The admission will be 10 cents and the presents will be given away at the close of the performance.

This week's bill is the best ever offered by the Palace and the comedy acrobatic act of Renzetta and Lyman will greatly please the little ones, while DeChaunt's dogs will delight them beyond measure. The first performance will start promptly at 3:45 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

"The Actor's Child."

The Bijou will offer today as the new films at the popular theatre, "The Actor's Child," a tragedy of "The Great White Way" in New York City. It is the story of a distinguished young actor, a sweet little girl and an unfaithful wife and mother. A wholesome lesson is taught and the intricacies of the plot and the views shown are full of human interest and brilliant climaxes. The film is well worth seeing and at the small prices, no one can afford to miss it.

U. S. COURT NEXT WEEK

District Attorney and Assistant Here For Opening of Term.

Among yesterday's arrivals were Colonel Harry Skinner, United States District Attorney, and Assistant District Attorney J. A. Giles, of Durham. They are here to have everything in readiness for the opening of United States District Court on Monday of next week when Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., will preside on account of the continued illness of Judge Thos. R. Purnell, of Raleigh, whom friends will regret to learn is not improved. It is learned that Dr. McGuire, the noted Virginia specialist, was called to Raleigh this week to attend Judge Purnell, but that very little hope is held out after his visit.

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ABE RUEF IS CONVICTED

Former Political Boss Rendered Liable to Long Term in Penitentiary. Jury Out in Bribery Case 24 Hours.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—Abraham Ruef, former political boss of San Francisco, was convicted today of bribery. The verdict was returned at 4 o'clock when the deliberations of the jury had been prolonged throughout 24 hours..

The warnings of Judge William P. Lawler and the vigilance of the police checked all attempted demonstrations.

The trial which has been in progress for 106 days, ended with surprising abruptness. The day had almost passed without a sign or intimation from the curtained chamber on the upper floor of Carpenter's Hall. The hopes of Ruef and his attorneys had risen with every hour of delay and the adherents of the prosecution were proportionately discouraged.

With numbers and interest diminished the hundreds of spectators who have clung about the court room during the closing days of the trial retained their seats in the chamber or stood patiently in a long line opposite the entrance with a strong detail of police watching vigilantly for the first sign of disorder inside and patrolled every approach to the hall.

As the jury filed into the court room and took their seats in the jury box, Judge Lawler asked Foreman McNamara: "Have you gentlemen reached a verdict?"

"We have," replied the foreman as he handed a folded slip of paper to Clerk Welch. An impressive silence followed as the clerk read the fatal words: "We, the jury, find the defendant, Abraham Ruef, guilty as charged."

Ruef sat between his father and Thomas B. Doshier of the defense when the verdict was returned. He had spent the greater part of the day in conversation with his parent and though his face paled and his eyes remained fixed for a long time upon the men who had pronounced his fate, almost his first thought was for the elder Mr. Ruef. He whispered a few words of encouragement to the aged man and sent him out of the room to break the news to the defendant's mother and sisters.

By previous agreement of counsel that the bill of exceptions should be settled later, the court set next Saturday, December 17th, as the day for the pronouncing of judgment. Ruef's conviction renders him liable to a penalty of 14 years in the penitentiary.

TAFT AT AUGUSTA

The Family to Arrive Next Week—Ask a Quiet Time.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 10.—It is announced today that President-elect Taft and family, with the exception of Miss Helen, will arrive Friday of next week and will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Landon Thomas until the following Monday. Miss Helen will arrive just before the Christmas holidays, coming from Bryn-Mawr. A letter received from Mr. Taft asks that he be allowed to spend the first few days in complete rest as he is greatly fatigued. In deference to his wishes his hosts announce that there will be no functions, formal or informal, until he shall have occupied the Territt cottage.

In view of disquieting rumors abroad, the Lancet is authorized to state that the health of King Edward gives no cause for anxiety. The King contracted a slight cold and subsequently showed symptoms of influenza and neuralgia, but improved under treatment.

Rather Unusual Case.

Being unable to push his case further in the higher court, Benjamin LaBoo, colored, brought a civil action against Rev. Elisha Wooten, colored, in Justice Bornemann's court yesterday to recover $200, claiming that the latter was due him this amount for keeping his child, who was taken from him through habeas corpus proceedings. LaBoo has had the child at his home since its mother died some two years ago, but when its feather decided to take care of it he refused togive it up, this resulting in the court proceedings. The case is creating some interest and was set for a hearing today at noon. Messrs. Pait & Woody will appear for Wooten.

Death at Northwest.

Rev. J. S. Crowley returned to the city on the early train this morning from Northwest, Columbus county, where he conducted the funeral of little Ludie Ellen McCoy, the 14-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. McCoy, of Laurinburg, yesterday afternoon, the interment being in the family cemetery. Mrs. J. L. Southerland and Miss Betti McDougall accompanied the bereaved parents from Laurinburg on the sad mission of burying their little daughter.

THE POWDER TRUST

Agreement Showing Division of the Business Among All the Companies.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Cleveland, O., Dec. 10.—World-wide agreement on all the powder companies in this country and Europe was accented at the Federal hearing before Special Master Mahaffey here today. It provided for a $50,000 fine for any breach of the agreement. This document, after presentation was identified by President Almon Lent, of the Austin Powder Company of this city. The agreement was signed in 1897 and provided that it should continue in force for ten years and afterward until such time as the companies saw fit to revise it.

The document sets forth that the Dupont Company the Austin Powder Company and nearly 100 other concerns in this country had signed it and also all the powder concern in Europe. The 100 in this country include every powder company in the United States, the attorneys state.

The agreement states that at the time it was drawn up there was immense competition that was detrimental to the powder trade, both in Europe and here.

It was believed, it was said, that by reaching some agreement in regard to prices trade could be regulated so that each concern could live and make profits.

It was agreed, the document sets forth, that if the United States received any bids from a foreign country for smokeless military powder, it would find out what the European concerns had bid, and that the concerns here should not bid any less than the same price and should bid more.

The world was divided into districts over which each country should have jurisdiction. Mexico was American territory. South America was divided between Europe and America. The West Indies and the British Honduras were common property and the rest of the world was European territory.

EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS.

Possibility of It Extending Far Into the Summer.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 10.—That President-elect Taft foresees the possibility of prolongation through the entire summer of the proposed extra session of Congress to revise the tariff, was developed today when he refused to positively accept an invitation to attend the next session of the Trans-Mississippi Congress, which is to be held in Denver, Colo., next August. The invitation was extended during the afternoon by the executive committee of the Congress at the residence in this city, of Thomas F. Walsh president of the Congress.

WATERWAYS CONGRESS

Speaker Cannon's Opposition to Proposed Government Bonds For Improvements Cast Gloom Over Congress.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 10.—Speaker Cannon today made known his unalterable opposition to the proposition of financing national waterway improvements by the issuance of Government bonds in a characteristic address to the delegates to the Rivers and Harbors Congress.

His position in regard to the bond issue scheme was made clear when he declared that "if perchange it was possible—and I do not believe it is possible—and the rivers and harbors committee should report a bill to Congress providing that there should be an issue for the next ten years to meet the proposed improvement bond in the amount of $1,000,000,000, I would not vote for it."

The pronouncement of Speaker Cannon cast a gloom over the Congress as the advocates of the bond issue had strong hopes of favorable consideration of their proposition at the hands of the Federal Congress.

"Now, nobody wants the Federal Congress in the next sixty days to commit an expenditure of $20,000,000,000 for waterways and to issue bonds," said Mr. Cannon. "If it is necessary in peace and war to issue bonds, I stand ready to issue bonds. But expenditures must be safe and sane. I do not want this work or any other work to be done except it be done safely and sanely."

The Speaker, however, declared that he would vote for appropriations reported to the Rivers and Harbors Committee under the leadership of Representative Burton, who, he said, has done more service and better service along waterway improvements than any other man in Congress.

The address of Speaker Cannon was easily the feature of the day's proceedings. In picturesque language, driving home a point here and there with some apropos story "Uncle Joe" delivered what might be termed a "heart-to-heart" talk.

Declaring at the outset that he wanted to be frank with the delegates the Speaker pointed out that if the delegates should be disappointed in the action of the Federal Congress "You at least," he said, "will not have to say that one Representative in the House lied to you."

In explanation of his opposition to the bond issue scheme, Mr. Cannon said it was because such legislation would beget that kind of a combination that would put great quantities of ill-advised projects upon the country and there would be a serious accounting therefor later on.

Speaker Cannon told of voting for a river and harbor bill over the veto of President Arthur in 1883 and declared that he had no doubt that some of those who tried to stamp the life out of his political body for voting for that bill would say that "I am reactionary; that I am a sort of fly in the ointment; that I stand in the way. Talk is cheap," he said, "but action is another thing."

Other speakers today were Anthony Higgins, former Senator from Delaware; Ambassador of Brazil; Secretary of the Interior Garfield; Senator Edwards, of Canada; James E. VanCleave, president of the National Association of Manufacturers; James Rawlings, representative of the United Commercial Travelers; Calvin Tompkins, a member of the New York Board of Trade; Governor Deneen, of Illinois; Senator Owen, of Oklahoma; Frederick Skene, State Engineer of New York; Representative James T. Lloyd, of Missouri, and C. P. Goodyear, of Georgia.

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PROTRACTED DEBATE LIKELY

Over Bill in Congress Concerning Employers and Employes.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 10.—What promised to be a protracted debate was begun today in the House of Representatives over the bill providing for the the appointment of a commission of seven to arbitrarily investigate difficulties between employers and employes in cases where, in the judgment of the President some great Federal interest is threatened or actually involved. It makes lawful, with suitable safe-guards, the kind of action taken by President Roosevelt in connection with the settlement of the anthracite coal strike of 1902. Exhaustive statements in explanation and support of the bill were made by Messrs. Townsend, Michigan; Russell, Texas; and Cockran, New York. On the other hand bitter opposition came from Messrs. Adamson, Georgia; Richardson, Alabama. Ryan, New York, Nicholls, Pennsylvania, and Hardy, Texas, the burden of their arguments being that such a measure if it meant anything meant compulsory arbitration. It was contended by them that labor organizations were unanimous against the bill; that there had been no demand for it, and that it would serve no good purpose.

The bill was still under discussion when the House adjourned.

HOME FOR SOUTHERN CONGRESS

Efforts to Raise Fund of $750,000 For This Purpose.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 10.—A movement was launched here today for the raising of a fund of $1,000,000, $750,000 of which amount is to be devoted to the construction in this city of a permanent office building to be used as a home for the Southern Commercial Congress, which concluded its first convention here last Tuesday.

Forty minutes after the scheme was inaugurated $250,000 was pledged to the project. The revenue from the rent of a part of the building is to be devoted to the exploitation of the South's natural resources. The building also is to be the mecca of the Southern people who come to this city. Two floors of the proposed structure already have been spoken for under a 20-year lease.

The proposition was broached for the first time today at a luncheon given by John M. Parker, of New Orleans, president of the Congress, to G. Grosvenor Dawe, of Montgomery, Ala., managing director of the Congress; John E. Betjeman, Albany, Ga., John A. Fox, Blytheville, Ark., Chas. Hall Davis and Edwin L. Pond, Petersburg, Va.

DEATHS RESULT OF RIOT

Another Policeman and Former Disciple of Sharp Dies of Wounds.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Kansas City, Dec. 10.—Two more names were added to the list of dead as a result of Tuesday's battle between religious fanatics and the police here, the total number of dead now being four.

Shortly before noon today Louis Pratt, 45 years, the foremost disciple of James Sharp, died at the general hospital and an hour later Michael Mullane, a policeman succumbed to his wounds at St. Joseph's hospital. Policeman Albert O. Dalbow and Lula Pratt died immediately after being shot Tuesday.

Mullane suffered himself to be mortally wounded because he would not shoot a woman. According to witnesses he dodged behind a wagon when Mrs. Sharp attacked him with a revolver, and though she continued firing he made no resistance, though he was armed.

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In San Francisco the Ruef jury late yesterday returned a verdict of guilty.

WARM WIRELETS.

The Holy Roller organization at Berlin Heights, Sandusky, Ohio, almost 200 strong, was ordered disbanded by irate towns people yesterday and the organizers were served with notice to leave the community. This action was prompted, it is said, by fear of trouble, due to the Kansas City affair. The Holy Rollers threat resistance.

Secretary Wright in a short address to 100 delegates to the Deep Waterways convention, who visited him at the War Department, said that he was heartily in favor of the general policy of developing our internal waterways and pledged himself to do everything in his power to further the great object which the convention has in view.

CASTRO IS IN FRANCE.

Venezuelan President Believes Relations With Holland Are Peaceful.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Bordeaux, Dec. 10.—President Castro, of Venezuela, arrived here today from LaGuaira. A representative of Foreign Minister Pichon boarded the steamer and had an interview with Castro, after which the President and members of his party came up to Bordeaux on a private car.

The President came down the gangplank of the Guadeloupe escorting his sister. The police are watching a third-class passenger on the Guadeloupe whose attitude toward the Venezuelan President is considered suspicious. This man is a Syrian and is one of a group of traders coming from Venezuela.

The members of the President's entourage who repeatedly advised him, in view of the anomalous situation created by his visit to a country with which diplomatic relations were ruptured, to make a statement were told: "I can't talk with all the newspapermen of Europe, consequently I will speak with no one."

When President Castro was informed of the energetic steps taken by Holland against Venezuela—the naval demonstration along the coast—last week; he exclaimed vehemently and he did not believe Holland would violate the spirit of rightful dealings, and both he and Venezuela had done only their duty.

Paris, Dec. 10.—The French Government has re-considered its former attitude toward President Castro. He will not be expelled from France, at least not at present. An official note intimates that France will take up negotiations with Castro. The note says also it is believed that the Venezuelan president will take advantage of his sojourn in Europe to try to settle the questions pending between his Government and the Powers.

FIELD TRIALS CONCLUDED

Ended Yesterday at Spray With Free For All Stake.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 10.—The seventh annual field trials of the Virginia-Carolina Field Trial Association were concluded at Spray today with the running of the free for all stake. Of 16 starters only one dog, Pawnbrakes, owned by J. G. Armstrong, of Detroit, showed the least field trial form. In the field tonight the judges announced their decision as follows:

First—Ransom Fred, owned by J. B. Bells, Roanoke; second, Bill Johnson, owned by C. C. Williamson, Muncie, Ind.; third, Oakleys Hill King, owned by W. G. Hundley Callands, Va.; Pawnbrakes owned by J. G. Armstrong, Detroit.

In the first brace today Ransom Fred went down with Pawnbrakes. Pawnbrakes was the faster. In the second series Fred Ransom went with Bill Johnson but did not get birds. In this series Oakley Hill King pointed larks.

The next trials in North Carolina will be those of the Irish setter club which begins at Barber, December 21.

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THE FINEST RESIDENTIAL lot in the City of Wilmington is now offered for sale at a very reasonable figure. The southeast corner of Fifth and Dock streets. High ground, good neighbors; just the right distance from down town and in every way desirable. An opportunity cannot be neglected. If you want a location for a home this is the place. J. G. Wright & Son, real estate agents, 124 Princess street. dec 9 4t

CABBAGE PLANTS—Garden plants grown in the open air will stand the coldest Winter. Price one to four thousand $1.50, four to nine thousand $1.25, over nine thousand $1 per thousand F. O. B. Meggetts, S. C. We have special express rates. Write us for agent's outfit and proposition. N. H. Blitch Co., Meggetts, S. C. The largest truck farm in the world. dec 9 eod jan 1.

NICELY FURNISHED or unfurnished rooms with or without board. Privilege of bath and 'phone. Carolina House, 414 1-2 North Front street. de 9-6t.

FURNISHED ROOMS for rent to gentlemen. Large airy rooms, all modern conveniences. Apply to Mrs. J. F. Maunder, 215 North Fifth street. de 9-3t*

PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER, NOTARY PUBLIC—Expert work of any kind, anywhere, any time. Court reporting, depositions, medical papers. Notarial work. Meares Harriss, 114 Princess street. Phone 708; residence phone 546. sep 2 eod

MOTHER'S JOY is made of pure goose grease and other healing ingredients. Mothers, you can't afford to be without a box of mother's joy. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

THE OLD RELIABLE, the Wilmington Pressing Club, is still running at the old stand on Second street. Others come and go, but the old Wilmington comes and stays. de 5-tf.

FOR RENT—A nice five-room cottage with acre of ground, on Castle Hayne road, one-fourth of mile from city. P. Q. Moore. de 5-1w.

FOR SALE—A gentle combination, horse, runabout and harness. Apply to Moses Bear, 18 Market street. dec 4 tf

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS — Overhauled, repaired and tuned. Work guaranteed. Address Geo. Haar, 315 South Fifth street. dec 2 eod 1m

SCARLET POINSETTIAS (Xmas plants) in full bloom at Oakmont Greenhouses. Fine Xmas decorations or cut flowers. Miss Lucy B. Moore, florist, 15th and Market streets. Phone 354. de 8-3t

UPHOLSTERING, repairing, varnishing, at 114 1-2 Dock street. 'Phone No. 1465. Carolina Upholstering Company, P. J. Breen, manager. de 6 tf

OYSTERS—At 121 1-2 South Front street, you can get oysters roasted, stewed, fried or New River on the half shell, which we deliver in the neighborhood. J. W. Scott. de 6-6t*

LUMBER AT RETAIL—Grades and prices right. See us before buying. Angola Lumber Co aug 30 tf

FOR RENT—Store and warehouse 108 North Water street, at present occupied by J. S. Funchess & Co. Possession given at once. Apply to Morris Bear & Bros. au 5 su-we-fri-tf.

MOTHER, do you hear that rattling in your baby's throat put a little of mother's joy on it and stop it at once. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

PHOTOGRAPHS—Visit the U. C. Ellis Studio for bright, clear, artistic photographs that don't fade. At reasonable prices. dec 3 tf

FOR SALE—A four-room cottage, in center of city on car line. Has gas, water, electric lights and telephone. Splendid neighborhood. Address "B. S. W." care of Star office. noc 25-tf.

BOARDING—Permanent and Transient. Best location in city. Meals to suit the business men. Strictly up to date. Harnett House, 110 Princess St. Hot and cold baths. Phone No. 713. sep 22-tf

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DELMONICO CAFE—Blue Point oysters on half shell and quail on toast. de 1-1m

MOTHER'S, how can you take the chance? Keep a bottle of mother's joy in your house. You need mother's joy every day. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

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THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.
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BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS EARLY.

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Do not delay buying your winter wrap and furs any longer. Our stock will rapidly diminish, and instead of having a chance to "pick out" what you wish you will have to "pick over" what others leave. The wraps and furs we are now showing are the very latest decree of fashion. We have made large purchases. This means low prices for us. We give our customers the advantage of our good fortune in buying. We sell none but good goods.

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In all kinds of reliable furs. Children's sets $1.00 to $7.00. Ladies' Fur sets $5.00 to $90.00. You will find a fur neck piece or set a useful Christmas present.

Feather and Ostrich Boas in all evening shades. Prices you will find are moderate.

Gold and Silver Handle Umbrellas, in Gents' and Ladies' handles. These are put up in attractive boxes for Christmas presents.

OUR TOY DEPARTMENT.

Is now open and ready for business. You will find in our Basement an up-to-date stock of the kind of toys for children. We invite everyone, buyer or not, you are welcome.

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Satin and Silk Covered ones, beautiful designs and useful Christmas presents.

The Carpet Department is offering very attractive prices for Christmas shoppers. Full assortment of Art Squares Rugs and Lace Curtains.

Christmas shoppers will do well to visit our store when down town. You will find on display many useful articles for gifts. We give red Southern Trading Stamps with every cash purchase. No other dry goods store is using these stamps. Premiums displayed on second floor.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Whitsett, N. C., Dec. 9.—Twenty-seven Cubans have registered here this fall term, and several others will enter for the Spring term.

—Newbern Sun: Captain J. H. Weddill, of the Newbern Company of the North Carolina coast artillery, has received from the State 50 new rifles, sabers, and 2,000 rounds of ammunition. Captain Weddill says the company will in a short time be in good shape.

—Scotland Neck, N. C., Dec. 9.—The grand jury in Halifax Superior court failed to return a true bill against the pollholders of Scotland Neck precinct who were charged with irregularities in the November election. More than eighty persons from Scotland Neck appeared before the grand jury and testified in the case.

—Newbern Journal: Mr. C. E. Pennington, who has been confined to his home for a few months on account of the distressing accident at Dover wherein his leg was crushed was taken to Richmond yesterday for treatment in the hospital there. He was joined at Dover by Dr. Pollock who accompanied him thither.

—Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 9.—Mrs. John Lewis, aged sixty years, who wandered away from the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. M. Murchison, at 612 West Fifth street, about five o'clock yesterday afternoon, was found about ten o'clock this morning on the Kernersville road, four miles south of town, by Frank Holton, son of District Attorney A. E. Holton, and a negro man, who were out driving a pair of mules.

—Wilson, N. C., Dec. 9.—Last evening at the Lyceum theatre when the second act was on smoke was seen to issue from the front of a hot air furnace under the stage. Quickly every one were on their feet but a stampede was avoided by the stage manager coming to the footlights and assuring the audience that there was no danger. All passed out to the street when the trouble was remedied. After that it was a "dark house" all night.

—Asheville Citizen: The police are on the lookout for a party of safe cracksmen from Knoxville, who blew a safe in that place Monday night and escaped with a quantity of money, in compliance with a telegram received yesterday morning saying that the men are thought to be headed toward Asheville. At an early hour this morning, nothing definitely had been heard of the safe blowers.

—Rocky Mount Record: A telegram received in the city last night announced the fact that the danger point had been passed in the recent diphtheria trouble at the State Normal College and that all of the six cases were doing nicely and a rigid quarantine had succeeded in preventing a further spread of the disease. This will be gratifying news to a host of this institution's friends in this section.

—Monroe Journal: Some three thousand acres of land in central Chesterfield, considered by the people in that section of too poor a sand to raise wiregrass, was sold in small plats at an auction sale in Charlotte last week. It brought from 75 cents to $1.25 an acre, mostly bought by people who never say it. That sale has since been a joke on the purchasers. Mr. Rufus Armfield once inquired of an humble citizen of Chesterfield what that land was worth. "Well, mister," was the reply, "it ain't worth a d—n, cheap as cussin' is."

—Tarboro Southerner: The lighted electric light bulb is not so harmless as it appears and not so cool as it feels at the first touch. Placed in contact with light inflammable material it will ignite the stuff. This is just what Edward Parker Tuesday night learned to his fright and damaged bedding. He was reading by a drop light and must have fallen asleep with the light in contact with the bedding. He was awakened by it and found a blaze. He promptly extinguished the fire, but not before counterpane, blanket and sheets had been burned through to the mattress, which was also burned.

—Concord Times: The board of aldermen last Thursday night granted a franchise to Mr. James W. Barry and his associates to operate a street car line in Concord. The conditions are that work must begin in two years, and that six months thereafter cars must be operated. The new company has taken over the franchise granted the Concord Street Railway Company nearly two years ago. Mr. Barry is from Boston and is backed by ample capital. He has been investigating this matter for some time, and has thoroughly looked over the field.

—Asheville Citizen: The prohibitionists of Asheville have decided to place a prohibition ticket in the field in May, when a mayor, four aldermen and other officers are to be chosen. Meetings have been held recently and formal decision was reached that a straight prohibition ticket should be named. Such progress has been made that actually some of the nominees were agreed on in a tentative though not final manner. Most of these, it is stated, are well represented, the idea as stated being to present a ticket composed of strong and capable men regardless of politics.

—Concord Tribune: Mr. Jason Misenheimer, a prominent young citizen of No. 5 township, well known throughout the country, came to the city yesterday afternoon and appeared before Esquire C. A. Pitts, before whom he swore out a warrant for the arrest of another well-known citizen of No. 5 township, the latter having endeavored to hire or induce two negro men to shoot to death or otherwise dispose of Mr. Misenheimer. It has been a matter of common knowledge for several months that there exists a hatred by this man for the Misenheimer family in No. 5 township, which malice had taken such shape that the Misenheimer family live in mortal dread for their lives.

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dec 5 tf

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13 N. Third Street. Phone 284.

dec 10 tf

For Sale

The entire stock and general merchandise of M. T. Hinson, deceased, amounting to $12,000.00 or $15,000.00, together with the good will of said business, will be sold at Rockingham, N. C., on Saturday, December 12th, 1908, at 10 o'clock A. M., in the store of the said M. T. Hinson, dec'd.

The stand goes with the stock, this is one of the best stocks of general merchandise in North Carolina and one of the most prosperous businesses in the State and the best and most successful stand in the town of Rockingham.

Sold on account of death of proprietor.

R. E. L. GRAHAM,
Adm'r.
de 10-2t. Rockingham, N. C.

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Ed. Guion, the Barber, has removed to 121 Market street, where he will be pleased to see all of his old customers and many new ones.

GUION, The Barber.

Read the Business Locals

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SUITS FROM.....$8.00 TO $25.00
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24 NORTH FRONT STREET.
dec 6tf

STATEMENT CONDITION
THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK
OF WILMINGTON, N. C.

At the close of business Nov. 27, 1908.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts		$2,574,534 92
N. C. State and other Bonds	188,004 25	
U. S. Bonds (at par	550,000 00	
Bank Buildings	55,000 00	
Cash	1,228,698 18	
		$4,596,237 35

LIABILITIES.

Capital		$ 550,000 00
Surplus and Net Profits		298,134 69
Circulation		550,000 00
U. S. Bond Account		100,000 00
Deposits		3,098,102 66
		$4,596,237 35

H. C. McQUEEN, President.
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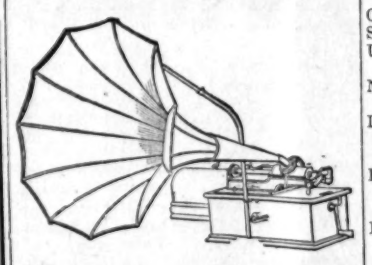

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205 Princess Street.
dec 1 tf

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200 bags Green Coffee.
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18 MARKET STREET.
nov 19 tf

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Through Pullman Sleepers to Louisville, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis.

Lv. Richmond	2:00 P. M.	11:00P.M
Ar. Cincinnati	8:25 A. M.	5:00 P. M
Ar. Chicago	5:30 P. M.	7:10 A. M
Ar. St. Louis	6:45 P. M.	7:18 A. M
Ar. Louisville	11:30 A.M.	8:00 P.M

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Report of the Condition of
The Southern National Bank, at Wilmington, in the State of N. C., at the close of business, November 27th, 1908.

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts		$ 957,110.34
Overdrafts secured and unsecured		3,740.29
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		200,000.00
Other Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		66,690.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds		4,550.35
Bonds, securities, etc.		49,885.00
Banking House, furniture and fixtures		5,000.00
Other real estate owned		None
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	$257,757.34	
Due from State Banks and Bankers	178,985.30	
Due from approved reserve agents	197,699.23	
Checks and other cash items	5,397.66	
Notes of other National Banks	6,900.00	
Fractional Paper currency, nickels and cents	1,398.23	648,137.76
Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$26,000.00	
Legal tender notes	40,000.00	66,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation		10,000.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent. Redemption fund		3,874.00
Total		$ 2,014,987.74

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock paid in		$ 200,000.00
Surplus Fund		100,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		33,032.35
National Bank notes outstanding		200,000.00
Due to other National Banks	$484,033.15	
Due to State Banks and Bankers	459,199.01	
Due to 13 Trust Companies and Savings Banks	68,657.99	
Individual deposits subject to check	413,918.91	
Certified checks	1,071.25	
Cashier's checks outstanding	5,075.08	
United States Deposits	50,000.00	1,481,955.39
Bonds borrowed		None
Notes and bills rediscounted		None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed		None
Total		$ 2,014.987.74

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, ss:
I, C. N. Evans, Cashier of the abovenamed bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
C. N. EVANS, Cashier.
Correst—Attest:
MATT J. HEYER,
J. A. TAYLOR,
ISADORE BEAR,
Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of Nov. 1908.
CHAS. S. GRAINGER, Notary Public.

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Ever shown in this city.
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Prices to suit everybody.
J. W. Murchison & Co
HARDWARE.
nov 19 tf

Atlantic Coast Line

Schedule in Effect Sept. 7, 1908.

NOTICE.
The arrivals and departures are given as information, as well as connections with other companies; but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48.	No. 41
Lv. Wilmington	9:00 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:03 pm	9:55 pm
Ar Wilson	1:00 m	10:52 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	2:36 pm
Ar Norfolk	5:55 pm	
Ar. Petersburg	7:00 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	5:10 am
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm	8:40 am
Ar. Baltimore	1:41 am	10:00 am
Ar. Philadelphia	4:21 am	12:18 pm
Ar. New York	7:23 am	2:45 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41.	No. 48.
Lv New York	9:25 am	9:25 pm
Ar Philadelphia	11:37 am	12:15 am
Ar Baltimore	2:12 pm	2:51 am
Ar Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 am
Lv Norfolk		8:25 am
Lv Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar Weldon	9:59 pm	11:28 am
Ar Rocky Mount	11:03 pm	12:55 pm
Ar Wilson	11:47 pm	1:58 pm
Ar Goldsboro	6:15 am	3:00 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9:25 am	6:10 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.	Daily
Lv. Wil't'n	5:15 am	3:30 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Flor.	9:05 am	7:20 pm	4:30 am
Ar Col'bia	12:25 pm	10:45 pm	
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:15 pm	7:30 am
Ar. Sa'n.	6:20 pm	2:10 am	9:54 am
Ar. Jk'ville		7 15 am	2:20 pm
Ar. Tampa		6:25 pm	12:15 am

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa	8:55 pm	7:00 am
Lv. Jacksonville	8:55 am	7:45 pm
Ar. Savannah	1:05 pm	11:59 pm
Lv. Charleston	5:30 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:15 pm	2:55 am
Ar. Wilmington	12:45 am	1:20 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	Westbound. Daily.	Eastbound Daily.
Lv. Wilmington	8:40 am	Ar 3:05 pm
Lv. Fayetteville	12:10 pm	Ar 4:45 pm
Ar. Sanford	1:40 pm	Lv 3:30 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

	Northbound.	Southbound.
Lv. Wilmington	3:20 pm	1:00 pm
Ar. Newbern	7:00 pm	Lv. 9:25 am

Trains No. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Pennsylvania R. R., for all points east.

Trains No. 65 and 50 carry Pullman Sleeper between Wilmington and Columbia.

T. C. WHITE,
General Passenger Agent
W. J. CRAIG,
Passenger Traffic Manager

Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Schedule effective November 29th, 1908. Subject to change without notice.

Direct and shortest line to the principal cities, South and Southwest also connects at Hamlet with Vestibule Trains North.

Tickets for passage for all trains are sold by this Company and accepted by the passenger with the understanding that this Company will not be responsible for failure to run its trains on schedule time or for any such delays as may be incident to their operation. Care is exercised to give correct time of connecting lines but this Company is not responsible for errors or omissions.

TRAINS ARRIVE AT WILMINGTON AS FOLLOWS.

No. 44 at 12:25 A. M. from Charlotte, Hamlet and local stations.

No. 40 arrives 12:20 P. M. from Charlotte, connecting at Hamlet with No. 38 from Birmingham and Atlanta, No. 33 from Norfolk and Raleigh, No. 81 from New York and Washington, and all points North and South.

TRAINS LEAVE WILMINGTON AS FOLLOWS.

	No. 45	No. 39.
Lv. Wilm't'n	4:45 A. M.	3:00 P. M
Ar. Lumb't'n	7:11 A. M.	5:43 P. M.
Ar. Maxton	7:52 A. M.	6:35 P. M.
Ar. Hamlet	8:45 A. M.	7:30 P M
Lv. Hamlet	9:05 A. M.	8:10 P. M.
Ar. Monroe	10:50 A. M.	10:20 P. M.
Ar. Ch'lotte	11:35 A. M.	11:30 P. M.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for Raleigh and Richmond and points North at Monroe with No. 53 for Atlanta.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 41 for Atlanta, Birmingham and Charlotte, with No. 84 for Washington and New York, No. 32 for Portsmouth Norfolk and No. 43 for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

For time-tables and any information apply to your nearest Ticket Agent or Call Phone No. 1294.

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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect, Saturday, October 10, 1908.

TO

THE BEACH

FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30:, 7:00, 8:30 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00 8:30 P. M.

TO WRIGHTSVILLE FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM WRIGHTSVILLE

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:20, 7:25, 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 7:25, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 I. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:55, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25, 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:55, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM THE BEACH

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 7:15, 7:45, 9:15, 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:45, 5:15, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:45, 10:45 A. M. 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

TO GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO FROM WILMINGTON

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, *2:25, 3:00, *3:45, 4:30 *5:05, 6:00, *6:05, 7:00, *7:05, 8:30, *9:05, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at *8:25, 8:30, *9:05, 10:00, 11:30 A. M. *12:05, 1:00, *1:25, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:35, 7:40, 8:10, 8:40, 9:40, 11:10 A. M., 12:40, 2:10, *2:35, *3:55, 4:10, *5:15, 5:40, *6:15, 6:40, *7:15, 8:10, *9:15, 9:40, 10:45, 11:45 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at *8:35, *9:15, 10:10, 11:10 A. M., *12:15, 12:40, *1:35, 2:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 5:40, 6:10, 7:10, 8:1, 9:40, 10:45, 11:45 P. M.

*"Carolina" Car, all others shown in above schedule marked "Beach."

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 10.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Market, steady 38.

ROSIN—Market, steady $2.10 per barrel of 280 pounds.

TAR—Market, firm $1.70.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm $2.00 per barrel for hard; $3.00 for dip and $3.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine steady 43 3-4; rosin steady $2.70; tar steady $1.40; crude turpentine firm $2.00, $3.00 and $3.000.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	18
Rosin	204
Tar	168
Crude Turpentine	35

Receipts—Same day last year, 33 casks spirits turpentine; 66 barrels rosin; 244 barrels tar; 82 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady, 8 7-8 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Steady, 11 3-8 cents.

Receipts—1,504 bales, same day last year 4,218 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, December 5th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@75c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 80c; Virginia, prime 60@65c; extra prime 70@75c; Spanish, 75@80c.

CORN—Firm, 97 1-2c per bushel for white; 92 1-2@95 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, old 17c, shoulders 11 @12 1-2c; sides 12 1-2c.

EGGS—Firm at 25 per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@35c for large springs; growns, dull, 35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dr.flint, 10; green, dull 6c. per pound.

IRISH POTATOES—New 80 and 90c per bushel.

SWEET—POTATOES—Dull at 50c per bushel for yams.

WOOL—Free of burr, 15c; burry wool 10 to 21 1-2c.

TURKEYS—On foot 12 to 13c net; 14 to 18c dressed. Dull demand.

GEESE—Dull 50c per head; dressed 50c.

PORK—Good demand 6 to 8c; corn fed 8c.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 10.—The cotton market more than lost yesterday's gain during the day's trading, closing barely steady at a net decline of 16 to 21 points. The market opened barely steady at a decline of 3 to 7 points, with the active months selling 5 to 8 points lower right after the call in response to disappointing cables and a growing impression that the trade was not crediting the official estimate of the crop.

A rally of 3 or 4 points followed the initial break as a result of covering and buying for a turn, but offerings became heavier again in the afternoon with stop loss orders uncovered on a scale down, and prices broke to just about the low level of yesterday morning on the active months.

Advices from the South indicating that interior holders were not influenced by the government estimate but were offering cotton freely on practically the same basis as yesterday were undoubtedly one of the factors in the decline. The market closed at practically the lowest prices of the day. Larger estimates for tomorrow's receipts at leading points were used to emphasize claims that the Government's estimate of the crop was out of line with the movement and private cables from Liverpool stated that the official figures would have to be confirmed by future census and into-sight figures before they inspired much confidence abroad. Commission houses were good buyers of the late months on the decline.

Receipts at the ports today were 59,378 against 67,574 bales last week and 57,207 last year; for the week 425,000 against 459,291 last week and 368,793 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans were 7,765 bales against 15,787 last year and at Houston 12,908 bales against 12,613 last year.

Spot cotton closed quiet, 10 points lower, middling uplands 9.15; middling gulf 9.40; sales 27,600.

Futures opened and closed barely steady.

Month.	Open.	Close.
December	9.07	8.90
January	8.75	8.60
February	——	8.60
March	8.79	8.61
April	——	8.61
May	8.85	8.68
June	——	8.65
July	8.79	8.67
August	8.68	8.52
September	——	8.44
October	8.58	8.45

PORT MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Galveston—Easy, 8 7-8; net receipts 29,664; stock 273,700.

New Orleans—Easy, 8 13-16; net receipts 7,765; stock 309,625.

oMbile—Quiet, 8 9-16; net receipts 2,264; stock 67,274.

Savannah—Quiet, 8 9-16; net receipts 7,632; stock 159,590.

Charleston—Quiet, 8 1-2; net receipts 880; stock 31,163.

Wilmington—Quiet, 8 5-8; net receipts 1,554; stock 22,346.

Norfolk—Quiet, 9.00; net receipts 4,084; stock 50,924.

Baltimore—Nominal, 9.00; stock 30,010.

New York—Quiet, 9.15; stock 104,733.

Boston—Quiet, 9.15, net receipts 174.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 9.40; net receipts 75; stock 12,604.

Port Townsend—Net receipts 5,166.

Total today at all ports, Net 59,378; Great Britain 49,597; France 6,271; Continent 3,202; Japan 5,166; stock 1,090,835.

Consolidated, at all ports, Net 339,591; Great Britain 164,849; France 49,831; Continent 94,577; Japan 5,166; Mexico 700.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports, Net 5,224,608; Great Britain 1,420,853; France 512,985; Continent 1,628,497; Japan 50,217; Mexico 1,503.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Houston—Easy, 8 3-4; net receipts 12,908; stock 132,427.

Augusta—Quiet and steady, 9.00; net receipts 1,325; stock 101,961.

Memphis—Steady, 9.00; net receipts 3,615; stock 167,265.

St. Louis—Steady, 9 1-8; net receipts 1,647; stock 35,123.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 2,292; stock 19,868.

Louisville—Firm, 9 1-4.

Little Rock—Steady, 8 5-8; net receipts 1,217; stock 44,450.

Total today—Net receipts 22,004; gross receipts 30,924; shipments 30,415; sales 5,086; stock 501,094.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Dec. 10.—Spot cotton small business done, prices 10 points higher. American middling fair 5.48; good middling 5.12; middling 4.96; low middling 4.76; good ordinary 4.25; ordinary 3.85. The sales of the day were 5,000 bales, of which 200 were for speculation and export and included 4,400 American. Receipts 39,100, all American.

Futures opened firm and closed quiet; December 4.74; December and January 4.70 1-2; January and February 4.70; February and March 4.63 1-2; March and April; April and May; May and June; June and July 4.68; July and August 4.67; August and September 4.61; September and October 4.56 1-2; October and November 4.53 1-2; November and December 4.51 1-2; December and January 4.51; January and February 4.50 1-2.

THE DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 10.—There appeared to be more firmness in the quiet dry goods markets today, particularly in cotton goods and yarns. The jobbing house trade is small but steady and the road orders are coming forward well. On menswear it has been decided to open some of the leading wool lines for Fall 1909 next week. Raw silk is quiet with many favorable offerings made in the Yokohoma markets.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 10.—The stock market today continued to be largely one of specialties. The Harriman Pacifics were pushed forward into prominence again but even these usually influential leaders did not revive any animation in the dealings in the high grade stocks which in common practice predominate in the dealings.

The special strength of the Harrimans was connected with the showing of the annual report of the Union Pacific and its auxiliary but the perusal of the annual report was of less influence on the mind of the average speculative follower of the market than was the demonstrative buying of the Harrimans and of other stocks by brokers credited with acting for Standard Oil interests. The openness with which large orders were executed from these sources was supposed to mean a proclamation of confidence in higher prices on the part of the buyers.

Filing of notice with the inter-State commerce commission of an increase in trans-continental freight rates on January 1, was a helpful factor in shares of railroads in that group. The metal industrials enjoyed some renewed strength. A rise in the price of copper in London and a recovery in the price of silver were of benefit. Belief that agreement is near on specifications for steel rails between the Pennsylvania and the United States Steel corporation was a cheering factor. The action of the wheat market was a sympathetic effect on stocks and reports on winter wheat conditions allayed apprehension of a severe damage to it by long drouth and later freezing. Bonds unchanged. Total sales were $8,560,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales 946,700 shares.

NEW YORK BONDS.

U. S. refunding 2s reg	103 1-4
U. S. refunding 2s cou	104
U. S. 3s reg	100 3-4
U. S. 3s cou	100 3-4
U. S. 4s reg	120 1-4
U. S. 4s cou	121
Amr. Tobacco Co. 6s	108 1-2
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	95 3-4
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	100 3-8
L. & N. Unified 4s	102
Seaboard Air Line 4s	64
Southern Railway 5s	107 1-2
U. S. Steel 5s	102 1-2

Closing Stock Lists.

Amalgamated Copper	84 1-2
Amr. Car & Foundry	46 1-2
Amr. Car & Foundry pfd	109
Amr. Cotton Oil Co.	43 1-2
Amr. Locomotive	55 1-4
Amr. Smelting & Ref.	92 1-4
Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd	107 1-4
Amr. Sugar Refining	132
Amr. Tobacco pfd	94
Atchison	98 1-4
Atchison pfd	102 1-4
Atlantic Coast Line	110 1-4
Baltimore & Ohio	109 1-8
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	92
Chesapeake & Ohio	57 1-4
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	150 7-8
Colorado Southern ex div	56 1-4
Erie	34 1-2
Erie 1st pfd	50
Erie 2nd pfd	40
Great Northern pfd	144
Kansas City Southern	38
Kan. City Southern pfd	67 1-2
L. & N.	123
Norfolk & Western	84 1-2
Northern Pacific	142 1-2
Pennsylvania	130 3-8
People's Gas	100 5-8
Reading	141 7-8
Rock Island Co.	24
Rock Island Co. pfd	60 1-8
Southern Pacific	121 1-8
Southern Pacific pfd	123 3-4
Southern Railway	25 3-8
Southern Railway pfd	59 1-2
Standard Oil Co.	675
Union Pacific	183 7-8
U. S. Steel	54 7-8
U. S. Steel pfd	112 7-8
Va.-Car. Chemical	43 1-2
Va.-Car. Chemical pfd	114
Western Union	69 3-8
Westinghouse Electric Co.	89

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 10.—Money on call easy 2 to 2 1-2 per cent., ruling rate 2 1-2, closing bid 2, offered at 2 1-2. Time loans firm and more active, sixty days 3 per cent., ninety days 3 to 3 1-4 per cent., six months 3 1-2. Prime mercantile paper 3 3-4 to 4 1-2per cent., sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8460 to 4.8470 for sixty day bills and at 4.8685 for demand. Commercial bills 4.84 3-8 to 4.84 1-2. Bar silver 49 1-4. Mexican dollars 45.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 10.—Flour quiet and barely steady.

Rye Flour and Buckwheat—Quiet.

Buckwheat Flour—Dull.

Corn Meal—Firm.

Wheat—Spot barely steady; No. 2 red 1.08 3-8 to 1.10 1-4 elevator. Options partly 1-4c net lower. Dec. 1.11; May 1.12 1-2; July 1.06.

Corn—Spot easy; No. 2, 67 1-2 elevator. Options net unchanged. Dec. 68 1-2; May 69; July 69; Sept. 69.

Oats—Spot steady; mixed 55 to 55 1-2.

Lard, Pork and Molasses—Steady.

Tallow—Dull.

Rice—Quiet.

Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3.36.

Coffee—Quiet, No. 7, 6 1-2; Santos No. 4, 7 7-8 to 8 1-8. Mild—Dull; Cordova 9 1-4 to 12 1-2. Futures opened steady, unchanged to 5 points advance

Potatoes—Steady; foreign, per bag 1.50 to 2.00.

Cabbages—Firm, unchanged.

Freights and Peanuts—Unchanged.

Butter—Steady.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Unsettled; State, Pennsylvania and nearby selected white 50 to 52; fair to choice 44 to 48; brown and mixed fancy 40 to 42; fair tochoice 35 to 38.

Cotton Seed Oil was steady with a fair speculative trade in late months. Prime crude 29 1-2 to 30; prime summer yellow 38 1-4 to 3-4; prime white 39 to 41; prime winter yellow 44 to 46; off summer yellow 37 to 38 1-2; good off summer yellow 37 1-2 to 38 1-2.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Wheat prices on the local exchange fluctuated violently today over a range of 1 1-8 to 1 3-4c but at the close were almost unchanged compared with yesterday's final quotations, the market finishing firm at almost the highest point of the day. Corn, oats and provisions also closed firm.

	Opening.	Highest.	Closing.
Wheat—			
Dec.	1 02 1-4	1 02 1-2	1 02 1-4
May	1 07 1-4	1 07 3-4	1 07 5-8
July	99 7-8	99 7-8	99 3-4
Corn—			
Dec.	58 1-4	58 5-8	58 3-8
May	62	62 1-8	62
July	62	62 1-8	62 1-8
Oats—			
Dec.	50 3-8	51	50 7-8
May	53 1-8	53 3-8	53 3-8
July	47 1-2	48	47 3-4
Mess Pork, per bbl.—			
Jan.	15 97 1-2	16 00	15 97 1-2
May	16 25	16 27 1-2	16 27 1-2
Lard, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	9.25	9 25	9 25
May	9 47 1-2	9 50	9 47 1-2
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	8 30	8 30	8 30
May	8 37 1-2	8 57 1-2	8 57 1-2

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour easy; No. 2 spring wheat 1.07 to 1.08; No. 3 1.00 to 1.06; No. 2 red 1.01 3-8 to 1.03 1-2; No. 2 corn 58 3-4 to 59; No. 2 yellow 58 3-4 to 59; oats, No. 2 white 52 1-2; No. 3 white 50 1-2 to 52 1-2; No. 2 rye 74 to 74 1-2; good feeding barley 60; fair to choice malting 61 to 63 1-2; No. 1 northwestern 1.45 1-2; prime timothy seed 3.85; clover, contract grades 9.40; short ribs, sides (loose) 7.87 1-2 to 8.37 1-2; mess pork, per bbl. 14.50 to 14.62 1-2; lard, per 100 lbs 9.22 1-2 to 9.25; short clear sides (boxed 8.62 1-2 to 8.75.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 10.—Rosin steady. Turpentine quiet.

Savannah, Dec. 10.—Spirits turpentine firm 39; sales 498; receipts 466; shipments 124. Rosin firm; sales 3,458; receipts 2,412; shipments 6,075; stock 151,223. Quote: A B C D, 3.00; E F, 3.05; G, 3.07 1-2; H, 3.45; I, 4.15; K, 5.10; M, 5.80; N, 6.15; WG, 6.40; WW, 6.50.

Charleston, Dec. 10.—Spirits turpentine firm 38 1-2. Rosin firm. Quote: A B C, 2.85; D, 2.85; E, 2.90.

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C. C. Railroad—85 bales cotton, 4 barrels tar.

W. & W. Railroad—162 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 7 barrels tar, 14 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—1,153 bales cotton, 3 barrels rosin, 26 barrels tar.

A. & Y. Railroad—152 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 94 barrels rosin, 131 barrels tar.

Str. May Flower—13 casks spirits turpentine, 107 barrels rosin, 21 barrels crude turpentine.

Schr. Eagle—2 bales cotton.

Total—1,554 bales cotton, 18 casks spirits turpentine, 204 barrels rosin, 1668 barrels tar, 35 barrels crude turpentine.

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Str. Cardigan (Br.) 2,689 tons, Davis, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Valhalla, (Br.) 1,660 tons, Merryfield, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

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Chas. H. Wolston, 287 tons, Plummer, C. D. Maffitt.

Judge Boyce, 558 tons, Eskridge, C. D. Maffitt.

Joel L. Cook, 319 tons, Loveland, C. D. Maffitt.

Millie R. Bohannan, 570 tons, Little, C. D. Maffitt.

Barges.

Flore, Little River, S. C., Hammer Lumber Co.

WONDERFUL MIRAGES.

False Peak of Tenerife and Illusions in the Dardanelles.

The peak of Tenerife is known among deep sea sailors as the "false peak." Owing to some peculiarity of the atmosphere it is always seen by mirage in exactly the opposite direction from which it lies, and only the fact that all captains know that the mirage appears long before the true peak is visible through the most powerful glass prevents many a ship from sailing many miles out of her course. It is hard for a greenhorn to believe that the majestic purple mountain towering astern or on the port beam apparently only a short distance off is in reality miles away in exactly the opposite direction and the seemingly solid earth at which he is gazing is only a reflection on the clear mirror of the air. Many weird tales are told of shipwrecked men who have steered for the false peak in the expectation of finding land and have perished of hunger and thirst while pursuing the phantom mountain.

Sometimes the passengers and crew of a vessel on the lookout for the false peak see a much rarer and more beautiful mirage, that of a ship in the sky. It usually appears about 10 o'clock in the morning, about ten degrees above the horizon and under full sail, every delicate spar and tapering mast clearly visible against the blue ether and even the play of light and shadow in the bellying canvas plainly discernible to the naked eye. It generally remains in sight half an hour or more before gracefully fading away. The oldest mariner can never remember having seen the mirage of a steamer in that latitude, but always that of a full rigged ship, and this peculiar fact has given birth to many romantic legends about the ship in the sky, all connecting it in some way with the false peak.

The vicinity of the Dardanelles is the real home of mirages, and it is seldom that any vessel sails along the Syrian coast without seeing one or more. Oddly enough, the mirages of the Dardanelles are always the reflections of objects that can be seen with the naked eye and are invariably distorted in grotesque and fantastic caricatures of the things reflected. It is certainly startling to see a steamer bearing down with her masts where her water line and should be and the water line where the tops of the masts and funnel ought to show, while her decks are in the right place, thus adding to her uncanny appearance, but this is a frequent sight near the Dardanelles. There is one peculiar feature of the mirages which hover near the false peak—the real objects of which they are reflections are so far away that very often they are never sighted until long after the reflection has vanished, and sometimes not at all.—New York Press.

The Lion's Attack.

As to a lion's method of attack Frederick Courteney Selous says in his book: "As a rule, I think, a lion seizes a sleeping man by the head, and in that case, unless it is a very old and weakly animal, death must usually be instantaneous, as its great fang teeth will be driven into the brain through the thickest negro skull." Similarly, when a lion attacks an animal it tries to get at the head or the throat—at the vitals of the animal. Says Mr. Selous: "My experience is that when a single lion tries to kill an ox or a buffalo it invariably seizes it near the muzzle with one paw and usually succeeds in either breaking its victim's neck or causing it to break it itself by its own weight in falling. When several lions attack an ox or a buffalo they will often bite and tear it all over and take a long time to kill it."

Crude Turpentine.

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THE CONFERENCE ON CONSERVATION

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COUNTRY'S LEADING MEN

Take Part in Deliberations—Its Views Summed Up in a Resolution Adopted by Convention—National Work Urged.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 10.—Prophetic of far-reaching results growing out of the joint conservation conference is a report drafted today by more than 30 Governors, approving the principle of co-operation among the States and between the States and the Federal Government, in the conservation of the country's natural resources, and emphasizing the importance of such co-operation to the end that the prosperity and perpetuity of the nation may be assured.

The last day's conference between President Roosevelt's National Conservation Committee, leaders in commerce and industry, law makers, Governors, Senators and Representatives, was fraught with much significance, but in pledging their support to every phase of the conservation problem, the Governors furnished the climax to one of the most eventful gatherings ever held in this country. The conference heard addresses from Andrew Carnegie, Governors Woodruff, of Connecticut; Ansel, of South Carolina; Broward, of Florida, Deneen, of Illinois; former Governor Blanchard, of Louisiana, and other distinguished men.

The joint conference, through a committee on resolutions, summed up its deliberations and gave hearty approval to the work and principles of the commission. The necessity for such laws as may be necessary to extend co-operation was strongly urged and the policy of separate disposal of surface, timber and mineral rights remaining in public lands was commended. The conference approved the disposal of mineral rights by lease only and the disposal of timber rights only under conditions ensuring proper cutting and logging.

A resolution was adopted providing for the appointment of a joint committee of six members of the State commissions and three members of the National committee to prepare a plan for united action by all organizations concerned with the conservation of natural resources.

Preservation of the forests probably is one of the most vital subjects which the joint conference has been called upon to deal with. Startling facts were presented relative to the rapidly diminishing timber supply and the forest fires which have swept away timber that will require years to reproduce.

The law-makers, the Governors, leaders of labor and captains of commerce and industry, who participated in the debates, agreed that one of the obstacles thus far encountered to the preservation of forests was the apparent conflict of authority between the Federal Government and the several States, and many of the speakers urged that in most instances the Government should step in and do what the States have either neglected or refused to do.

Former Governors Blanchard, of Louisiana, and Pardee, of California, Commissioner Whipple, of New York, and Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, were prominent in the discussion.

Andrew Carnegie urged co-operation between the States and Federal Government as one of the cardinal policies by which the forests may be saved and forestry encouraged.

COURT MARTIAL SENTENCES.

The President Acts on Two Which Are Referred to Him.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 10.—President Roosevelt today acted on the cases of Colonel Cornman and Captain Chas. G. French, of the 7th Infantry at Fort Wayne, Mich., recently tried by court martial for alleged violations of the regulations regarding the issue of forage. The sentence imposed by the court in Colonel Cornman's case was suspension for one month and a reprimand, which the President approved. In the case of Captain French the sentence was dismissal, but this was modified to a reduction of 50 files in his ranks which was approved by the President.

THE SMITH MURDER CASE.

Wake Coroner Abandons Prosecution and Leaves it to City Court.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 10.—The county coroner today abandoned his separate hearing in the case of the murder of Dr. E. W. Smith, of Richmond, Va., traveling salesman, who was found dead in the rock quarry here after having been drugged and robbed in the tenderloin district.

Fred Miller, a young white man, and Tom Crenshaw, a negro driver, held by the coroner for the crime, were released by him without any investigation, as the police had held for murder Earle Cotton and Tim Holderfield, white, with "Red" Hopkins as a material witness, in $10,000 bond.

Would Mortgage the Farm.

A farmer on Rural Route 2, Empire, Ga., W. A. Floyd by name, says: "Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured the two worst sores I ever saw: one on my hand and one on my leg. It is worth more than its weight in gold. I would not be without it if I had to mortgage the farm to get it." Only 25c. at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS

Little Business of Public Interest Transacted in Either House—Senator Lodge to Speak on the Brownsville Affair.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 10.—The Senate held a short session today, during which an agreement was reached for taking up the omnibus claims bill next Monday, with the understanding that it shall not interfere with the consideration of the postal savings bank bill or any other measure in which Senators are especially interested.

Senator Lodge gave notice that he would on next Wednesday speak on the Brownsville affair, a bill to authorize the re-enlistment of soldiers of the 25th Regiment who were discharged without honor by the President being made a special order for that day.

The Senate held a short executive session and at 1.08 o'clock adjourned until Monday in respect to the memory of the late Representative Charles T. Dunwell, of New York.

House of Representatives.

At no time today was there even a semblance of a quorum in the House of Representatives. Soon after convening the legislative appropriation bill was presented and several bills passed, among them being one authorizing the removal of the imposition of loss of citizenship upon deserters in the military and naval services.

The balance of the day was taken up in discussing the bill to provide for the arbitrary investigation of difficult cases between employers and employes. Its consideration had not been concluded when the House at 4:59 o'clock P. M., adjourned until tomorrow.

NEW FREIGHT RATES.

Notice of Change of Trans-Continental Freight Charges.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 10.—Trans-continental freight tariffs, beginning January 1st, will be advanced on all eastbound traffic both by rail and by rail and water. The class rates on westbound traffic will remain as they are now. The commodity rate on westbound traffic from Atlantic seaboard points to Pacific terminals will be increased approximately 10 per cent.

On eastbound class rates there will be a decrease on first-class shipments from $3.70 per 100 pounds to $3 per 100 pounds. On class rates on Chicago and Central Traffic Association territory from the Pacific coast terminals there will be a decrease on first-class shipments from $3.40 per 100 pounds to $3 per 100 pounds.

This will equalize the class rates on both east and westbound traffic.

The eastbound commodity rate from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic seaboard points will be advanced about 18 per cent. on the average, some of the items being as high as 60 per cent. advance and some as low as 3 per cent.

It is notable that the bulk of the traffic moves under the commodity rates which show a decided increase. This announcement was made today by the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

An intimation of the intention of the trans-continental roads thus to increase the rates has been received by shippers on the Pacific coast and they have deluged the Inter-State Commerce Commission with telegrams in protest of the increase.

The commission has no authority to prevent the filing of any rates the railways may see fit to put into effect. It is likely, however, that a formal complaint against the proposed rates will be filed with the commission. On such a complaint the commission would base an investigation of the rates with a view to ascertaining whether they were reasonable or unreasonable.

DAVIS ACQUITTED.

End of the Sensational Rustin Murder Trial.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 10.—After 13 hours' deliberation the jury in the case of Charles E. Davis, charged with the murder on the morning of September 2nd of Dr. Frederick T. Rustin, at 6:15 this morning agreed upon a verdict of not guilty. Two hours later Judge Sears received the verdict and ordered the discharge of the prisoner.

Nineteen ballots were required to reach an agreement. The first stood 11 to 1 for acquittal of the charge of murder in the first degree. The lone juror maintained his position for four ballots and after that was joined by another in voting for conviction on a lesser charge

The case had attracted unusual attention, not only because of the prominence of the victim of the killing, who was one of the leading physicians and surgeons of the city, and the mystery surrounding the tragedy, but because of the family connections of the defendant.

It is not believed that any further prosecutions will be undertaken in connection with the killing of Dr. Rustin unless unexpected evidence should be discovered.

Mrs. Abbie Rice, the central figure in the prosecution of Davis, wept when informed that the matron's department of the city jail, where she has been since a few days after the killing of Dr. Rustin, could be her home no longer. Before the trial she declined to leave the jail when her father offered to furnish bail. Now she will leave for Des Moines as soon as her father sends the necessary funds and will remain there until her husband, Irving Rice, who resides in Boston, and with whom she has become reconciled, is able to prepare a home for her.

The American fleet is expected to arrive at Colombo, Ceylon, on December 14th, and to depart on the 20th. Because of official information respecting its intended arrival was not received until very recently, arrangements for the reception have been rather meagre.

PRESIDENT SEEKS TO INDICT THEM

Persons Guilty of Falsehood Regarding Panama Canal Property.

ROOSEVELT IS EMPHATIC

Desire To Prefer Charges of Criminal Libel—Speaks to Committee of Lakes to the Gulf Waterways Association.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 10.—"If they can be reached for criminal libel, I shall try to have them reached," said President Roosevelt in speaking this afternoon about "those Americans who have been guilty of infamous falsehood concerning the acquisition of the property and the construction of the Panama canal itself."

It was to the committee of 100 of the Lakes to the Gulf Deep Waterway Association headed by Governor Deneen, of Illinois, who were received by the President in the East room of the White House, that he made this declaration.

Governor Deneen had presented a copy of resolutions adopted by the Association and made a few remarks, to which the President replied as follows:

"I have felt, as the Governor has well put it, that no more important service could be rendered to this country, than the building of the Panama canal between the Atlantic and the Pacific and one thing I am proud of in connection with the building of that canal is that there has not been legitimate cause for the breath of scandal connected with any feature of the proceeding. We have cause to be ashamed of only one set of Americans in connection with the building of the canal and that is of those Americans who have been guilty of infamous falsehood concerning the acquisition of the property and the construction of the canal itself."

"If they can be reached for criminal libel, I shall try to have them reached. If not, at any rate, all the facts we know or ever have known are at the disposal of each and every one of you here, and of any one in Congress or of all Congress if they wish to see them.

"Next only in importance from the physical standpoint to building the Panama canal comes the question of developing the use of our own waterways. That must be done by the policy of irrigation at the headwaters up in the arid regions; and where you come from, gentlemen, it is to be done by making our seacoast take a big loop in from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes; and we will see that that work is done; and no work could have been done from beginning to end more honestly and more efficiently.

Cromwell Authorizes Statement.

New York, Dec. 10.—William Nelson Cromwell today authorized a statement which follows in part:

"My attention has been called to a statement issued by the editor of the Indianapolis News in which he attempts to reply to the charge made by President Roosevelt that certain statements made in the Indianapolis News both before and since the recent election, and relating to the purchase of the Panama canal by the United States were false and untrue."

The President said: "The News gives currency to the charge that the United States bought from American citizens for $40,000,000 property that cost these citizens only $12,000,000. The statement is false. The United States did not pay a cent of the $40,000,000 to any American citizen, etc."

"From the statement issued in reply by the editor of the News I quote the following: 'The only man who paid any attention to them (that is the criticisms referred to) was Mr. Charles P. Taft, who did deny that he was in any way related to the affair. We had no word from the President or Mr. Taft. The other men, such as Cromwell and Morgan, who were believed to have full information in regard to the business, said nothing.'

"We may expect during a heated political contest all kinds of stories which are not worthy of notice, but this one I wish to denounce in the strongest terms as a lying fabrication without a shadow of truth in it. Neither I nor any one allied with me, either directly or indirectly at any time, or in any place in America or abroad, ever bought, sold, dealt in, or ever made a penny of profit of any stocks, bonds or other securities of either the old Panama Canal Co., or the new Panama Canal Company, or ever received for the same a single dollar of the forty millions paid by the United States. I make this the most sweeping statement that language can convey.

"As everybody connected with the affair knows, I abstained from receiving the forty millions in my own hands at Washington or New York, as the general counsel of the company and myself arranged for the payment of the entire forty millions direct from the treasury of the United States through the bankers of the Government into the Bank of France, at Paris, to the credit of the liquidators of the two companies. There it remained subject to the order of the liquidators until distributed by them to the hundreds of thousands of beneficiaries, and not one dollar of it ever came to me or any one in any wise connected with me."

Two of the submarine boats authorized at the last session of Congress are to be constructed at one of the government navy yards, if satisfactory arrangements as to shop rights for construction with one or more of the submarine boat companies can be made. This is a new departure in naval construction.

NO GROUND FOR PARDON

Application by Senator Gorman's Daughter for Her Husband Refused.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 10.—Mrs. Ada Gorman Magness, the daughter of the late Senator Gorman whose husband was convicted of desertion from the navy, and who was sentenced to a year's imprisonment at Portsmouth, has applied to the President for a pardon for her husband. The White House referred the application to Secretary Newberry and the latter reported there was no special feature of the case warranting clemency and reported advesely on the application.

Where Bullets Flew.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., a veteran of the civil war, who lost a foot at Gettysburg, says: "The good Electric Bitters have done is worth more than five hundred dollars to me. I spent much money doctoring for a bad case of stomach trouble, to little purpose. I then tried Electric Bitters, and they cured me. I now take them as a tonic, and they keep me strong and well." 50c at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

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C. D. MORRELL,
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